



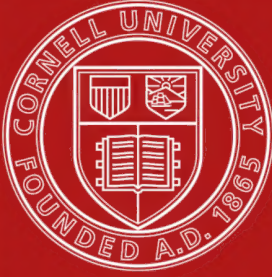
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R E C O R D S
OF THE
CONVENTION OF THE ROYAL BURGHS
OF SCOTLAND.

1295-1597.

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RECORDS
OF THE
CONVENTION OF THE ROYAL
BURGHES OF SCOTLAND,

WITH
EXTRACTS FROM OTHER RECORDS RELATING
TO THE AFFAIRS OF THE BURGHS
OF SCOTLAND.

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PREFACE.

IN the latter half of the twelfth century, if not, as is most probable, at a still earlier period, there existed in Scotland burghs, holding of the Crown, possessing a structure and constitution not essentially different from those of a much later date, and enjoying various privileges and immunities, of which a monopoly of trade and commerce was one of the earliest, and not the least important.

In their general constitution, as in the minuter details of their internal economy, these Burghs possessed many features of resemblance to the English Burghs of the same, and of an earlier date. But, in England, the Burghs do not appear ever to have entered into any confederation for mutual advice and support. In Scotland, on the contrary, they seem to have entered at an early period into combinations for these purposes. One of these associations, known as the Hanse, was established to the North of the Grampians, a century before the great Hanseatic Confederation of the Baltic came into existence. Another, as old almost as the original constitution of Burghs, existed in the South, and was presided over by the Great Chamberlain of the kingdom.¹ This association included at first only Edinburgh, Stirling, Berwick, and Roxburgh, and from these Burghs in their Court or Parliament, is supposed to have emanated the code of Scottish burgal regulations, known as the *Leges Quatuor Burgorum*. But

¹ The great Chamberlain, as the name implies, had probably the general control of the Treasury, but his functions, both administrative and judicial, had more particular reference to the affairs of the Burghs, [Mr Innes' Preface to vol. i. of the Acts of Parliament of Scotland, p. 5.] The nature of the supervision which he exercised over the Burghs is indicated in the "Articuli inquirendi in Burgo in itinere camerarij secundum vsum Scocie," a document supposed to be of the latter half of the reign of King Robert I. (1306-1329), and in the "Modus procedendi in itinere camerarij infra regnum Scocie," apparently of the end of the fourteenth century. [Acts of the Parliament of Scotland i., 316 and 429. Mr Innes' Preface. pp. 44, 45.]

in 1368, when Berwick and Roxburgh had fallen into the hands of the English, an Act of a Parliament of King David II.,¹ held at Perth in that year, appointed Lanark and Linlithgow to take their place as two of the Four Burghs. At that time the Four Burghs appear to have met annually in Haddington for the purpose of disposing of Appeals from judgments of the great Chamberlain in his *Air* or Circuit. In 1405, however, they are found assembled in Stirling, at which place they passed an Act extending their constitution, by ordaining two or three sufficient burgesses of each Royal Burgh on the south side of the water of Spey, having sufficient commission, to compear yearly at their Convention, wheresoever held, to treat, ordain and determine upon all things concerning the utility of the common weal of all the King's Burghs, their liberties and Court.² Some years later, Edinburgh was the place of the annual meeting of the Burghs, and King James I., who reigned from 1406 till 1437, ordained, with consent of the three Estates of his realm, that it should continue thenceforward to be so. This ordinance was confirmed by King James II., who, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, dated 5th November 1454, commanded his Great Chamberlain and his deputes to cause the Court of the Parliament of the Four Burghs to be held at Edinburgh yearly, in manner used and wont; calling together and summoning to compear thereat, the commissioners of the four principal Burghs, to wit, Edinburgh, Stirling, Linlithgow, and Lanark, with the attendants or assessors of the said Court.³

So, in all probability, matters remained till the reign of King James III., when it was enacted by the Parliament held at Edinburgh in 1487,

“that zereily in tyme to cum certane commissaris of all burrowis baith south and north convene and gadre togidder, anis in ilk zere in the burgh of Inuerkethin on the morne eftir sanct James' day” [25th July] . . . and quhat brugh that comperis not the said day, be thair commissaris to pay to the costis of the commissaris five li., and zereily to haue our Souerane lordis lettrez to distrenze thairfor and for the inbringing of the samyn.⁴

¹ Acts of the Parliament of Scotland, i., 149. Page 541.

² Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland, i., 339. Page 502.

³ See original Letters Patent in the Archives of the City of Edinburgh. Page 542.

⁴ 1487, c. 17. Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland ii., 179.

Notwithstanding this enactment, the Burghs still held meetings in Edinburgh, and it seems that even so late as 1500,¹ these assemblies retained the designation of "the Parliament of the Four Burghs," and continued to be presided over by the Lord Chamberlain. How long that high officer of State attended these assemblies, or how long they retained the title of the "Court or Parliament of the Four Burghs," does not appear, but a minute in 1529, and all the minutes subsequent to that date, refer to the acts set forth in them as having been passed by the commissioners of the Burghs alone, and make no mention of the Lord Chamberlain.² Several of these Conventions, it may be remarked, seem to have been held in obedience to royal letters issued to the Burghs, requiring them to send commissioners to a particular town, at a specified time, to treat of the several matters enumerated in the letters.³ In other cases the commissioners of some of the Burghs fixed the time and place of the annual meetings, and missives were thereupon directed to all the Burghs requiring them to send up their commissioners to the Convention so fixed.⁴ As regards the time and place of their meetings, the Burghs seem to have acted without any reference to the statute of 1487, c. 17.

No record of any meeting in Inverkeithing is now extant, and the practice of holding annual Conventions there, if such a practice ever existed, seems to have been speedily discontinued; for an act of Convention, held at Edinburgh, on 4th April 1552, referring to the old statute merely as a matter of understanding, appointed the whole Burghs of the realm, by their provosts or commissioners, to convene annually, on the last day of July, in such place as might be appointed.⁵ This resolution, however, seems to have been very imperfectly observed, notwithstanding that, in 1555, the fine to be exacted from Burghs who did not appear by their commissioners was raised by an act of Convention to £10.⁶ The irregularity in the meetings of Convention arose in a great measure no doubt from the unsettled state of the times, but sometimes also, it appears, from the care-

¹ Page 505.² Pages 508, &c.³ Pages 507, 512, 515, 520.⁴ Page 513.⁵ Page 2.⁶ Page 14.

lessness of the Burgh in which the Convention was appointed to meet, who neglected to dispatch the missives to the other Burghs, requiring their attendance at the time appointed. With reference to St. Andrews, which appears as a defaulter in this respect, an appointment to hold a Convention there, in January 1570, is accompanied with the certification that, "gif thai failze thar sall nocht be ony conventioun appoyntit to be in thair toun at ony tyme heirefter, becaus thair was syndrie conventionis appoyntit to be in the said toun abefoir, and nocht keipit in thair default."¹ In 1578 the Burghs were authorized by an act of a Parliament of King James VI. held at Stirling,

"to convene four tymes in the zeir for sic materis as concernis thair estait And that in quhat burgh it salbe thocht expedient to the maist pairt of the saidis burrowis ; Providing alwayis for eschewing of tumultis that thair be present at the saidis conventionis for euerie burgh in nowmer ane except the toun of Edinburgh to haif ane ma nor the vtheris burrowis."²

It will be observed, however, that as previous to this act the Burghs sometimes held two or more meetings in the course of a year, whenever they chose to appoint, so after it was passed, they did not exercise the power of convening four times a year. They seem just to have adhered to their old custom of meeting at such times and places as best served their purpose,—fixing their conventions frequently with reference to the meetings of Parliament, of which the representatives of the Burghs formed a constituent part.³ But no year between 1577 and 1631⁴ passed over without Conventions

¹ Page 16.

² 1578 c. 11, Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland, iii., 102.

³ Pages 108, 120, 206.

In the famous Parliament of King Robert the Bruce, held at Cambuskenneth on the 15th of July 1326, the representatives of the Burghs are, for the first time, distinctly mentioned as being present [Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland, i., 113]; and they thereafter formed an essential part of all Parliaments and General Councils. The Burghs had, however, from a much earlier date, contributed to the necessities of the State, and were probably included in the "*maiores communitatum*," who took part in the settlement of the Crown on Edward Bruce in 1315 [Ibid i. 104]. There is some reason to believe that they may have been present at the Parliaments of King Robert the Bruce in 1314, 1315, and 1318. Some of the Burghs were certainly parties to the ratification of the Treaty with France in 1295 [Ibid i. 97.]

⁴ There is a *hiatus* in the Records between February 1631 and July 1649 as if a volume had been lost.

being held. The practice of the Burghs' fixing the time and place of their meetings to suit their own convenience is referred to, and sanctioned, in the preamble of the Act of 1581, c. 26, which ratified and approved the former Acts of Parliament, relative to the Convention of Burghs,

"Forsamekill," it says, "as it wes found necessar to oure Souerane lord, and his hines predicessouris, that the commissionaris of burrowis convene at sic tymes as they suld think guid, in quhat burgh they thocht maist expedient with full commission : Thairfoir," it proceeds, "oure Souerane lord with aduise of his thre Estatis of this present Parliament Ratifeis and appreis the saidis actis. And for bettir obseruatioun of the saidis conventionis be sic burrowis as hes heirtfoir not send thair commissioneris at onie tyme thairto, hes statute and ordanit that in tyme cuming, quhen onie conventionis of burrowis is appointit to the maist pairt of the saidis burrowis, or be the burgh of Edinburgh, and onie sex or aucht of the rest, The burgh warnit thairto be onie missiue bill of the provest and bailzeis of the burgh, quhair the said conventioun is to be haldin, or vther wayis lawfullie cytat thairto, and not compeirand be thair commissioner sufficientlie instruct, sall pay to the chargeis of the burghis that sall convene the sowme of twentie pundis. And ordanis the Lordis of counsell and sessioun, to grant and direct letteris of hornyng or poinding aganis the burrowis absent, fra the same conventioun, and adiudget be the remanent burrowis, to haue incurrit the said pane and unlaw, and this at the instance of the burgh of Edinburgh without farther proces and calling of pairtie thairto. The saidis Lordis seand the act autentikle subscrivit be the clerk of that convention, that thai ar absent and convict as said is."¹

It is to be observed, however, that previous to the passing of this act an act of Convention, held at Stirling in 1579,² had increased the penalty on Burghs who failed to attend to £20, and this fine was imposed on absentees from the following Convention at Aberdeen in 1580.

In conformity with the act 1581, c. 26, the Burghs met from time to time at such places as the majority were pleased to appoint. But in 1586, an act of Convention was passed whereby, to secure unanimity on the part of the Burghs, they were appointed to meet previous to the assembling of national

¹ Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland, iii., 224.

² Page 90.

conventions and parliaments, and to discuss by themselves separately such business as might be set down for consideration thereat.

The Act 1581 c. 26 is still in observance, except in so far as it directs letters of horning to pass at the instance of the burgh of Edinburgh. After a time, the Clerk, Agent, or Collector of the Convention of Burghs was appointed to recover the penalties incurred by absentees;¹ and in 1607, according to Sir George Mackenzie, an Act of Parliament allowed execution to pass at the instance of the Agent, in whose name the letters are now raised.²

Sir George Mackenzie states³ that in his day the Burghs met in July at Edinburgh, Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen, and Stirling. But if that statement was intended to mean either that the Burghs met in these towns in rotation, or that they assembled in those towns only, it was not supported by the actual practice. All the general and particular Conventions between July 1676 and February 1692, both inclusive, were held in Edinburgh; the general Conventions in 1657 and 1675 were held in Glasgow; the general Convention in 1656 was held in Haddington; that in 1650 was held in Cupar; that in 1649 in Queensferry; that in 1630 in Jedburgh; that in 1629 in Culross; that in 1627 in Ayr, and that in 1626 in Dunbar. Of the fifty-one general and particular Conventions recorded between 1625 and 1656, both inclusive, three general and thirty-nine particular Conventions were held in Edinburgh, one general Convention was held in Glasgow, and one in Perth, the remainder being held as above stated. Of the forty-two general and particular Conventions recorded between 1657 and 1675, both inclusive, twelve general, and twenty-four particular Conventions were held in Edinburgh, two general Conventions were held in Glasgow, and one in each of, Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth, and Stirling. With the exception of the general Conventions in July 1692, and in 1697, 1698, 1703, and 1704, which were held respectively in Dundee, Perth, Aberdeen, and twice successively

¹ Pages 185, 192, 199, 215, 216, 241, 267, 348, &c.

² Observations on Acts of Parliament, &c., p. 206. Edin. 1686, folio.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 93.

in Glasgow, all the other Conventions and meetings of Committees of Convention between 1692 and 1704, were held in Edinburgh. Since 1704 the meetings have been invariably held in Edinburgh. Propositions to revert to the old custom have been submitted to the Convention on two or three occasions, but have never been received with any favour.

What were the precise functions of the Court or Parliament of the Four Burghs cannot now be fully ascertained; but it is obvious that it decided questions involving the usages of Burghs, and the rights and privileges of burghesses, and even legislated in regard to such matters as the principles of moveable succession. Accordingly, in a Parliament held at Newcastle by King Edward I. in 1292,¹ it was ordered on the motion of the parties in a private suit depending on the law and practice of the Burghs of Scotland, that the Four Burghs should be consulted. This having been done, judgment was pronounced in conformity with their record and verdict. Again, in 1295,² the burghesses of these burghs, assembled at Holyrood Abbey, are found issuing an ordinance as to the division of moveables among heirs and other children. It also appears from the Act of the Parliament of King David II., in 1368, that the Four Burghs were in use to determine appeals from the judgment of the great Chamberlain of the kingdom. At that time, as has been said, both Berwick and Roxburgh were in the hands of the English, and are referred to in the Act as towns "*quae sunt et esse debent duo de quatuor burgis qui habent, ex antiquo, curiam facere camerarii semel in anno apud Hadington, super judiciis, si quae forent, coram ipso in itineribus suis ubicunque contradicta,*" &c. At a somewhat later period these Burghs are found exercising still more important functions. The decree of the Court of Four Burghs held at Stirling in 1405, to which allusion has already been made as having extended its own constitution, also enacted a series of regulations of a general character, affecting the rights, privileges, and duties of the burghesses. These functions, or functions scarcely less important, appear to have been recognised and indirectly sanctioned by the Crown somewhat later;

¹ Rotuli Parliamentorum, I. 107.

² Page 501.

for King James II., in his Charter to the Burgh of Edinburgh in 1454, already referred to, defines the duties of the Parliament of the four principal Burghs of Edinburgh, Stirling, Linlithgow, and Lanark to be

“Ad subeundum ordinandum et finaliter determinandum de et super iudiciis Burgorum vniuersalem regni nostri curiis datis siue contradictis ac eciam mensuram vlne ferlote siue bolle lagine et petre more solito ligiis et communibus nostris dandum liberandum et recipiendum . Necnon omnia alia et singula facienda et exercenda qui in huiusmodo curia Parlamenti secundum leges statuta et Burgorum consuetudines sunt tractanda subeunda et finaliter determinanda.”

And the Act 1487 c. 17 empowered the whole Burghs, at their annual Convention in Inverkeithing,

“To commoun and trete apoun the welefare of merchandes, the gude rewle and statutis for the commoun profit of burrowis, and to provide for remede apoun the scaith and injuris sustenet within burrowis.”

In ratifying the whole privileges of the Burghs, and empowering them to convene four times in the year, in whatsoever burgh the majority might determine, the Act 1578 c. 11 declared the object of their Convention to be simply “for sic materis as concerns thair estait.” The Act 1581 c. 26 again, in still farther enlarging their powers as to meeting “at sic times as they suld think guid, in quhat Burgh they thoct maist expedient,” defined the object of their meetings to be

“To treat vpoun the weifair of merchandis, merchandice, guide rewle, and statutis for the commoun profit of burrowis, as at mair length is contenit in the actis of parliament maid thairanent, and anent the priuelege of burrowis.”

But, after all, the Records of the Convention themselves afford the only satisfactory materials for ascertaining what were the subjects dealt with by the old burgal parliament of Scotland, and what were the nature and extent of its action. Upon that subject it is not intended to enter here. But

a very cursory inspection of the present volume, will show that scarcely anything affecting the Burghs of Scotland, in their internal administration, or in their commercial relations at home and abroad, escaped the cognizance of the Convention. It defined the rights, privileges, and duties of Burghs; it regulated the merchandise, manufactures, and shipping of the country; it exercised control over the Scottish merchants in France, Flanders, and other countries in Europe, with which from time to time commercial relations existed; it sent commissioners to foreign powers, and to great commercial communities, entered into treaties with them, and established the staple trade of Scotland wherever this could be most advantageously done; it claimed the right, independently of the Crown, to nominate the Conservator, and it certainly did regulate his emoluments, and control his conduct; it sometimes defrayed, and sometimes contributed towards, the expenses of ambassadors from the Scottish Court to that of France and other foreign powers in matters affecting the Burghs and the common weal; it allocated among the whole Burghs of the kingdom their proportions of all extents and taxes granted by the three Estates of the realm; it adjudicated on the claims of Burghs to be admitted to the privileges of free Burghs, and to be added to its roll; it took cognizance of weights and measures; it submitted propositions to parliament in regard to all matters affecting the interests of the country, and influenced to an incalculable extent the national legislation. In a word, it formed a complete and powerful organization for the protection of burghal rights and privileges, and for the promotion of whatever the Burghs conceived to be for their own interest and that of the country generally. Its records thus contain much that throws light on every department of Scottish history, and their publication will, it is believed, facilitate the labours of the future historian.

In the early period of the Convention as has already been remarked, the Burghs used to meet from time to time in various towns. As a rule, the Provost of the Burgh in which the Convention was held presided over its meetings, and the Town Clerk acted as its Clerk, and wrote and apparently retained its minutes. The inconvenience of this arrangement as regarded the records induced the Burghs, in their Convention at Aberdeen in July 1580,

to pass an act whereby, "finding thame greitlie preiugit be that inlaik of ane generall buke quhilk suld contene the haill lawis and constitution of burrowis," they unanimously empowered the Burgh of Edinburgh to require all the Burghs in which Conventions had been held, to send, previous to the 1st of September thereafter, and under a penalty of £30, extracts of the whole laws, acts, and constitutions made at these Conventions, in order that these extracts might be engrossed in a general book to be made for the purpose. Edinburgh was further required to produce the book, with all the extracts engrossed therein, at the next general Convention, and also to require all the Burghs to send their Commissioners "maist ancient and wysest, fullie instructed, to the said next Conuention, for approbation ratification and confirmation of the acts and constitutions used and registrat in the general buke foirsaid." The subject was again under consideration at the next general Convention in Edinburgh on 18th April 1581, when the former act was renewed, and every Burgh, "but speciallie Lynlythqu," was ordained to search out the acts of the Conventions held within it, and to send them to Edinburgh with expedition, in order to their being engrossed by John Guthrie. The minute of this Convention also bears that Dundee and Cupare exhibited "sic acts as thai declarit was in thair burchis, and nocht contenit in the buik of Edinburgh and delyuerit thame to the said Ihon and thairvpoun askit instrumentis."² At the following general Convention in Perth, held in June 1582, John Guthrie presented the book, prepared in terms of the previous acts of Convention, when it was unanimously resolved that it should be kept, during the pleasure of the Burghs, by Edinburgh, the commissioners of which should bring it to every Convention wheresoever held. And because the want of the book had in times past been the cause of great ignorance and confusion among the most part of the whole burghs, and to the effect that they might be better informed as to the laws and constitutions made for the welfare of their estate in years bygone, Edinburgh or its Clerk, was directed to make and deliver to every Burgh wish-

² Page, p. 112.

ing it, a book of the same size as the general book containing the whole laws and constitutions of Burghs mentioned therein up to that time, at a cost of ten merks for each volume.¹ John Guthrie was thereafter appointed common Clerk of the Convention and keeper of the general book.² It is believed that the office has since been held by the Town Clerks of Edinburgh, under an obligation to attend the Convention wherever it was held, and to produce the Records of the body.

There is every reason to believe that the first volume of the MS. Records of the Convention is that prepared by John Guthrie in conformity with the acts of 1580 and 1581, and probably it contained all the minutes which were furnished to him, but it obviously does not contain the minutes of all the Conventions which had been held. Reference, for example, is made in pp. 10, 13, to acts of a Convention held at Perth in August 1555, but the Record contains no such minute. A Convention was also appointed to be held in Stirling on 31st July 1553³, but the next minute is that of a Convention in Edinburgh on 29th May 1555.⁴ Conventions were ordered to be held in St. Andrews on 30th June 1556,⁵ and on Trinity Sunday 1567, or the next lawful day thereafter,⁶ but no minute of either meeting exists in the Records. It is probable, however, that neither was held owing to the negligence of the Provost and Bailies already alluded to. It will also be observed that there are no minutes of any Convention at Linlithgow in the Records previous to 1581, though it appears from the act of the Convention in April of that year that Conventions had been held in that Burgh, the minutes of which were then specially called for.

In these circumstances, and while the present volume was passing through the press, it was considered probable that minutes or other documents connected with the Convention, of an earlier date than any of its own records, might be discovered in the Registers of other Burghs. A minute examination was accordingly made not only of the Council Records of Edinburgh in the Archives of the city, but also of a MS. volume in the

¹ Page, 128.

² Page, 168, 185.

³ Page 6.

⁴ Page 6.

⁵ Page, 14.

⁶ Page, 15.

Advocates' Library containing extracts made in 1570 by Alexander Guthrie Town-Clerk, from older Records not now extant, and among these were found an Act of the Court of the Parliament of four Burghs at Edinburgh in November 1500, minutes of Conventions held at Edinburgh in March 1533, Dec. 1539, April 1541, Feb. and March 1563, March 1583, and Jan. 1586, and Extent Rolls of the Burghs in 1535, 1545, ? 1550, 1556, and 1557.

Communications were afterwards addressed to the Town-Clerks of Perth, Stirling, Dundee, Aberdeen, St. Andrews, Haddington, Linlithgow, and Inverkeithing, asking them to assist in making the present publication as perfect as possible, by causing a careful search to be instituted in the Archives of these burghs, and by allowing copies to be taken of any important documents or minutes connected with the Convention prior to 1600 which might be found in them. These communications were courteously received, but in the case of Aberdeen alone has the result been the discovery of any documents available for the present purpose. From Perth the reply was that the Burgh records do not go farther back than 1597; that there is no entry in the Council records relative to the Convention prior to 1600; and that if any minutes of Convention are extant they must be in some other volume unknown to the Clerk. In Dundee the records are in a state which made it a work of labour on the part of Mr. Kerr to afford the following information which, however, is of so much interest as to justify its quotation.

“We have a volume of Acts of the Head Courts of the Burgh from 1554 to 1582, and Minutes of the Council from 24th September 1561 to 21st January 1568. Then we have a volume of Minutes of the Council from 7th March 1587-8 to 25th January 1603, and thence downwards, except that there is a blank from 1653 to 1663,—a volume being astray.

“We have an early volume of Laws and Statutes of the Burgh enacted at the Head Courts from 5th October 1550 to 30th September 1622.

“Earlier than these dates there are various minutes of the Town Council to be found in the Register of Decrees, &c., of the Burgh Court, . . . which begun

in 1520, and seems to contain Acts of the Head Courts and very likely much curious matter."

No minute book of the Town Council of St. Andrews exists, so far as is known, prior to 1656. The minute books of the Town Council of Inverkeithing previous to 1689 are all lost. There are older sasine records, and the guildry minute book goes back to 1580, but no trace can be found in them of any meeting of Convention as having been held in the burgh. It was stated, however, that the house used to be pointed out where the early meetings of Convention were held. The ancient records of Haddington¹ and Linlithgow remain to be examined, and it is believed that the Councils of these Burghs will afford every facility for having this done. Mr. Angus forwarded excerpts from the Index of the Council Records of Aberdeen from 1491 to 1783, in so far as reference is therein made to the Convention; and he afterwards most kindly caused the requisite extracts to be made from the valuable registers in his custody,—the oldest and most complete of any burghal records in Scotland. He has thus not only supplied the Minutes of a Convention held at Edinburgh in April 1529, but has shown that commissioners were elected by the Burgh of Aberdeen to attend Conventions in 1491, 1497, 1530, and 1555, no minutes of which, however, have as yet been discovered. Other extracts from the Aberdeen registers have also been given to illustrate the mode in which the election of commissioners to the Convention of Burghs was made at an early period.

Probably a minuter search than most of the Town Clerks, with their

¹ Mr. Thomas Thomson, W.S., F.S.A. Scot., has contributed to the Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland an interesting "Description of the oldest Council Books and other Records of the Town of Haddington, with copious Extracts" [Vol. II. 384], and from that paper it appears that the two earliest volumes containing Acts of the Town Council and Decrees pronounced in the Burgh Court, and Deeds of Mortification and Bequest to the Church, extend, the *first* from 6th March 1423 to 23d June 1463, and the *second* from June 1530 to 30th April 1555. The "Counsals Books or Acts and Statutes of the Counsale," so far as described by him, consist of three volumes, the *first* extending from 13th December 1554 to 3d March 1580, the *second* from 13th October 1581 to November 1602, and the *third* from 14th January 1603 till 24th June 1616. None of the extracts given in this paper, however, relate to the meetings or affairs of the Convention.

multifarious official and professional engagements, can find time to make among the old records of the more ancient Burghs of Scotland, might bring to light many documents that would supplement in a very interesting way the defective early records of the Convention. In such records most valuable materials for local and national history are to be found; and it is earnestly to be hoped that the various Town Councils and other corporate bodies in Scotland may take means to have their records put into such a form, and so preserved, as to be really accessible. On the representation of the Town Clerk of Dundee, following on the communication above alluded to, the authorities there have had their attention directed to the matter. The subject was earnestly pressed on the consideration of the representatives of the Burghs present at the last Convention, and was then warmly received; and it is to be hoped that subsequent volumes of the Convention Records may afford pleasing evidence that it has not been lost sight of.

In explanation of the arrangement of the present volume, it may be stated that the first 500 pages contain the proper records of the Convention, as these are engrossed in its Minute Books from 1552 till 1597. The portion of the book extending from page 500 to page 533 contains supplementary extracts from other records of minutes of Conventions, extent rolls, and minutes of election of Commissioners to attend Conventions—all of them of equal authority with the earlier records of Convention. The remaining portion of the book, extending from page 535 to page 562, contains copies or abstracts of various documents relating to the affairs of the Burghs, --the sources from which they have been obtained being in every case specified.

To make the volume more serviceable, a chronological list of Conventions has been prepared, with references to the documents in which the Conventions are alluded to. Whether some of the Conventions to which Commissioners were elected actually took place cannot be assumed, but it is to be hoped that entries in the records of other Burghs may be discovered and communicated which will throw light on this subject. A table of contents arranged in chronological order has also been added.

Considerable progress had been made in the preparation of an index of matters, to be appended to this volume ; but the last Convention having authorised the publication of another volume similar to the present, it has been considered expedient to make the general index applicable to the entire work.

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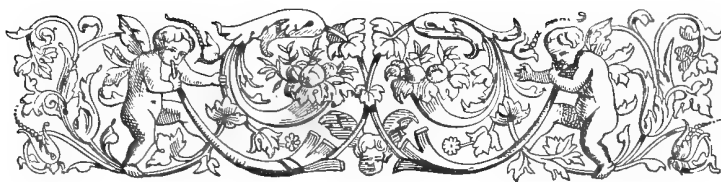
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RECORDS

OF THE

CONVENTION OF THE ROYAL BURGHS OF SCOTLAND.



THE feird day of the moneth of Aprile the zeir of God Im^{Conventiounis}
V^c and fyfty twa zeiris, conventit in the Tolbuith of^{of borrois 4to}
Edinburch the prouestis and commissaris of the borrois^{Apprilis 1552.}
of this realme following, viz: Williame Craik prouest of
the burch of Edinburch, for himself and the said burch; Iohne Craggelt
of that ilk prouest of Striueling; Iames Dennestoun prouest of Lin-
litgw; Iohne Makbrair prouest of Drumfreis; Alexander Urquhart of
Brieszeardis prouest of Foress; David Brynton commissinar of Laneark;
Andro Douglas commissinar of Iedburch; Iohne Forhous and Nicoll
Swyntoun commissaris of Hadingtoun; Iames Kene commissinar
of Selkirk; Iohne Quhytelaw commissinar of Northbervik; Iames
Wilsoun and Iohne Wychtman commissinaris of Peblis; William Ache-
soun, Iohne Kelly commissinaris of Dunbar; William Gaddrar and
Maister Alexander Douglas commissinaris of Elgyn; Andro Vannand and
George Lowall for Dundee; Maister Alexander Sibbald and George Brovne
commissinaris for Sanctandris; David Iamesoun and Alexander Iamesoun

commissinaris of Cowpar ; William Bowsy and Iohne Ramsay commissinaris of Craill ; William Baly commissinar of Montros ; Maister Robert Lumisdane commissinar for Abirdene ; Andro Hamiltoun prouest of Glasgw, and Iohne Myre commissinar thairof ; Archibald Spittall, William Smart, Iames Farnlie, commissinaris of Striueling with the said prouest ; Iames Ka, Maister Barthilmo Kello, commissinaris of Linlithqw with the said prouest ; Iames Rig commissinar of Dumfreis with the said prouest ; Quhilkis prouestis of borrowis and commissinaris foirsaidis eftir the productioun of thair commissionis ratifiit and appreuit the statutis following to be vniuersalie obseruit in the haill borrowis of this burch (realm) and for verificatioun thairof subscriuit the samyn as followis, day, zeir, and place foirsaid.

Conventionis
zeirlic.

ITEM, in the first, Becaus it wes vnderstand that of lang tyme bipast, it wes statut and ordanit that the haill borrowis of this realme be thair prouestis or commissaris suld convene zeirlic anis in the zeir to consult vpoun sic effaris and commone weillis of borrowis, and for reformatioun of hurttis done thairto, as wes neidful to haif bene done, Thairfor it wes concludit and statute be the prouestis and commissaris of borrowis foirsaidis, that zeirlic in tyme cuming the saidis provestis of the hale borrowis of this realme, or thair commissaris, convene the pennult day of Iulij in sic place as salbe statut thairto ; and the first conventioun to be vpoun the said pennult day of Iulij nixttocum, in this burch of Edinburgh.

Mesouris.

ITEM, Becaus of differance of mesouris within borrowis of this realme in tyme bigane, part being mair nor the rycht, and part less, It is concludit be the prouestis and commissaris of borrowis foirsaidis, that the hale borrowis of this realme ressaue their mesouris of the burghis following, quhilkis hes the iust mesouris, viz ; the stane wecht of Lanark, the pynt stope of Striuling, the ferlatt of Linlytqw, and the eluand of Edinburch, and conform to thai wechtis, mesouris, thai to vse thame selffiis within thair borrowis ; quhilkis mesouris salbe brocht the said pennult day of Iulij nixttocum to the burch of Edinburgh.

Customes.

ITEM, Becaus of the grete mvrmour risin vpoun the hale borrowis of this realme in rasing of nouationis and exactionis of thair pittecustomes of the burch, and for stanching thairof, and that na harme nor wrang be done to oure Souerane Lordis liegis repairand thairto with sic stuf as payis custome, It is concludit be the prouestis and commissaris of borrowis foirsaidis, that all the borrowis of this realme tak the copy of the tabill

of the pitte customes of Edinburgh, and conforme thairto, vse thair taking of thair customes, and na vtheris.

ITEM, Becaus of the grete variance standand in diuers and sindry borrowis of this realme of the maner of the chesing of thair officiaris, sic as provest, baillies, thesaurer, dene of gild, and counsale, zeirle at Michaelmes; for eschewing thair of, and for perpetuall guid ordour to be vsit thairin in tyme cuming, It is concludit and statut be the provestis and commissaris of borrowis foirsaidis, that sic ordour be tane thairin as is in the burch of Edinburgh, viz. Becaus the maner of the chesing zeirle is at Michaelmess, that vpoun Wednesday, nixt precedand the said feist of Michaelmes, the provest, baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, and counsale for the tyme, convene in the Tolbuyth thereof, and thai to cheis ane new counsale to the nowmer of twelf personis, quhilkis salbe thir, viz; The provest of that zeir, the four baillies, the dene of gild, and thesaurer salbe seven thair of; and thairefter to cheis sic thre vthir honest merchandis, and twa craftismen, quhilk sall mak xij personis, and thai to be callit the new counsale. Quhilk new counsale and auld counsale to convene on Fryday thairefter, and cheis the litis to the offices, sik as provest, baillies, dene of gild, and thesaurare, and to ilkane thair of thre merchandis of the burch, and na craftismen. It is of ressonne and auld vse, that the provest than present, the dene of gild, and thesaurare ar litis to that samin office for the zeir to cum, and not the baillies, without thai be new chosin thairto. And vpoun the Tuisday next following the feist of Michaelmes, thair sall convene in the Tolbuyth the auld counsale and new, and the dekynis of craftis, and thair to begyn at the litis of provestre, and to wait about throw that haill nowmer and se, and he that gettis monyest wottis to be chosin and sworn incontinent; and swa furth to the four baillies, thesaurar, and dene of gild. And gif of the personis chosen vpon the new counsale happynnis to be chosin ane lite to ane vther office, and promovit thairto, ane vther to be chosin be the auld counsale and new allanerle in his rowme. And als that thair be na maner of personis, suppois he be burges of burch, and abill thairfor, be chosin to be provest, baillie, thesaurar, or dene of gild of the burch, without he haif bene ane zeir or twa vpoun the counsale thair of.

ITEM, Because the haill borrowis of this realme thinkis thame hevyle hurt be certane personis quhilkis hes been sworn and ressaut fremen and burgessis of borrowis, and duellis outwith the samin, and beris na portabill

chargis within the burch quhairof thai ar fre, quhen thai haif ado, Thairfor it is concludit and statut that thair be generale proclamationis maid in the hale borrowis of this realme at the mercat croces thair of, that all sic personis as allegis thameself to be fre within ony borrowis, compere within xl dayis thairefter, and hald stob and staik therein, and walk, ward, pay extentis and skattis within the burch, conforme to thair substance; with certificatioun and thai failze thai salbe decernit to haif tynt thair fredome, and to be vsit fra thyne furth as unfremen; quhilk proclamatioun being maid, and xl dayis bypast, to decern as said is. And gif ony of the burrois beis fundin negligent heirin, and be notit be vtheris borrowis, thair nychtbouris, that the burch failzeing of the first falt pay v li. and the secund falt x li. and the thrid falt xx li; and thir sowmes to be brocht in with the borrowis failzeing at the nixt conventioun efter thai be fundin culpabill, and distribute as the haill provestis and commissaris sall devyse.

Welzem Craik prouest of Edr.
 Iohnn Cragingelt of that ilk
 prowest of Steriveling.
 Iames Danyelstoun prouest of
 Linlytqw.
 Ihon M'Brair prouest of Drum-
 fres.
 Alexand Vrqwhard of Burris-
 zerdis prouest of Forras.
 Daud Breintoun commursaris
 of Lanerk.
 Andro Douglas wyt my hand on
 the pen led be the notar un-
 dirwrittin.
 Ihon Fores of Hadentone.
 Nicholaus Swyntoun ane of the
 comissionaris of Hadingtoun.
 Iames Kene ballze of Selkerk.
 Ihonn Quhitlaw ane of the
 baylzeis of Northberweik.
 Iamis Wollsson of Peblis.

Iohne Wechtman of Peblyis.
 Wilm Atchesoun of Dunbar.
 Ihon Kelle off Dumber.
 Villiam Gaddrar commissinar of
 Elgin.
 Mr Alexr Douglas etc.
 Mr Alexr Sibbald wyt his hand.
 George Broun wyt my hand of
 Sanctandros co^{ssis}
 Daud Iamysoun vyt my hand.
 Allxr Iamesone wyt my hand of
 Couppar.
 Wilzemm Bowsy wyt my hand
 of Carail.
 Iohne Ramsay wyt my hand on
 the pen led be the Notar vn-
 dirwrittyn.
 Georgis Lowell off Dundee vyt
 my hand.
 Andro Annand of Dundee wyt my
 hand.

Arsbald Spettall of Striuelynge.
William Smart wyt my hand on
the pen led be the Notar
vndirwrittin.

Iames Kaa of Linlytqw.
M. Bartholomeus Kello ballius ac
commissarius de Lynlytqw.
James Riig wyt my hand of
Drumfreis.

Iames Farnly of Striueling.

Partibus predictis act. dictum penultimum diem mensis Iulij prout in primo
statuto citis.

Ita est vt premittitur Alexr King Notarius publicus scriba curie
Edinburgensis de mandato dicte Ioannes Ramsay et Willelmi
Smart subscribens teste meis signo et subscriptione manualibus.

A. KING.

*Apud Edinburgh penultimo Iulij anno etc. quinquagesimo
secundo.*

THE QUHILK DAY, at the term assignit to the haill borrowis of this
realme to convene in the burch of Edinburgh conforme to the statutis
afoir writtin, comperit the commissinaris of borrowis following, viz; Williame
Crake prouest of Edinburch, Iohne Symson, and Iames Carmichaell com-
misinaris thair of; Iohne Cragelt of that ilk prouest of Striueling, and
Iames Farnlie commissionaris thair of; George Brovne and Maister Alex-
ander Sibbald commissinaris of Sanctandrois; Iames Lovall and Robert
Kyde commissinaris of Dundee; David Iamesoun commissinar of Cowpar;
Archibald Blyncheil and Blais Colt commissinaris of Perth. And thairefter
the saidis prouestis of Edinburch and Striueling presentit and producit
the commoun stope and eluand specifit in the laste statutis maid thair-
anent, and offerit the mesouris thair of to all the commissinaris of borrowis
that requiris the samyn; and the saidis prouestis and the haill vtheris
commissinaris of borrowis aboue writtin protestit, insafer as this day
wes assignit to the rest of the borrowis to convene, and to Lanark
to haif producit the stane wecht, and to Linlithqw to haif producit
the commoun ferlot, and comperit nocht, that thai incurrit the painis

Tuiching the
mesouris.
ellvaine, Edin-
burgh; Striuel-
ing, stowpe;
Lanark, stane.

contentit in the actis of parliament thairupoun, and that na falt be imput to thaim throw the wantyng of the saidis mesouris. And thaireftir the prouestis and commissinaris foirsaidis ordanit the nixt conventioun to be in the towne of Striueling the pennult day of Iulij nixt tocum, 1553 zeris, and the said prouest of Striueling to aduertis and varn the haille borrowis thair of.

Ita est Alex^r King Notarius Publicus scriba curie Edinburgensis
teste meis signo et subscriptione manualibus.

A. King.

Conventioun
xxix Maij 1555.

Alteratioun of
extent.

At Edinburch the xxix day of Maij the zeir of God ane thousand fyve hundreth and fyfty fyve zeiris, Comperit the personis following, prouest, baillies, and as commissinaris of borrowis, viz; Iohne Sym, Maister Iames Lyndesay, Iames Carmichael, Iohne Symson, and Iames Broun for Edinburch; Henry Levingstoun prouest, William Norwell dene of gild, Robert Forestar baillie, Iames Watsoun thesaurer, for Striueling; Robert Widdirspvne prouest, Henry Forrest, Iames Dennestoun for Lynlythqw; William Hiegait for Glasgw; Iohne Lokkart and Maister Michael Wallace for Air; Archibald Mvre and Iames Brovne for Irwyne; Andro Dowglas, and Stevin Riddell for Iedburch; Iohne Makbrair prouest, and Iames Rig for Drumfreis; Patrik Porterfield for Dumbartane; Iames Oliphant prouest, and Iohne Forrest, and Adam Wilsoun for Hadingtoun; William Leirmonth for Dunbar; Iames Wilsoun for Peblis; Patrik Mvrray, and Thomas Flemyng for Perth; George Lovell, and Robert Kid for Dundee; Thomas Menzeis prouest, and David Mar for Abirdene; William Bowsy, Thomas Bane for Craill; Alexander Iamesoun, and Iames Carrutheris, and Iames Andersoun for Cowper; Thomas Martyne, and Maister Alexander Sibbald for Sanctandrois; Iohne Arskin of Dvn prouest of Montros; Archibald Sandilandis for Kingorn; Compeirand for thame self, and in name and behalf and as commissinaris of the saidis borrowis, and takand the burding on thaim for thair saidis borrowis, And vnderstandand that be occasioun of weir, pest, and vtheris cummeris quhilkis hes occurrit laitlie in borrowis sen oure

Sourane Lordis deceis, that last deceissit, quhome God assolze, thair is diuers and syndry borrowis of this realme that throw the occasioun of the saidis weir, pest, and cummeris, that ar depauperit and purit and dekeyit at this tyme thairthrow, nochtttheless the auld generall extent roll of the borrowis remainis in the samyn ordour as it wes of befoir, Thairfor the saidis personis, comperand as said is, hes thoct expedient that alteratioun be maid of the said generall extent of the hail borrowis of this realme, that the borrowis that ar depauperit may be relevit of sum pairt of thair extent, and vtheris that ar richit may be ekit be samekil as salbe tane of the saidis depauperit borrowis, for the space of thre zeiris nixt tocum alanerlie, and thairefter nemmit thairto sex borrowis, viz. Edinburch, Striueling, and Hadingtoun, for the south syde of Forth, and Perth, Abirdene, and Montros for the north syde thairof, and twa personis to be chosen of ilkane of the saidis borrowis to mak the said alteratioun of the said generall extent for the said space. And gif it sal happin ony vthir occasioun to acure in the meyntyme of the saidis thre zeiris that neid be of vthir alteratioun be maid of new, that conventioun of borrowis be maid to that effect. And thaireftir the saidis personis of Edinburch nemmit Maister Iohne Prestoun, and William Craik for thair burch; Stirling nemmit Henry Levingstoun, and William Norwell; Hadingtoun nemmit Iames Oliphant, and Iohne Forrest; Perth nemmit Patrik Mvrray, and Thomas Flemyng; Abirdene nemmit Thomas Menzeis, and David Mar; Montros nemmit Iohne Arskin of Dvn, and William Paniter; quhilkis sall all convene on Friday nixt tocum at vij houris befoir none, and accept thir presentis vpon thame, and be suorne to decyde thairintill eftir thair knowlege and conscience, and decern thairintill betwix that and Trinite Sondag nixt tocum; and as thai sall deliuer thairintill, the hail borrowis to abyde thairat, and vnderly the samyn during the saidis thre zeiris, gif na alteratioun be maid in the meyntyme.

And all the saidis personis hes subscriuit thir presentis, day, zeir and place foirsaid.

Iohn Symson.
Mr Iames Lindesay.
Iohne Sym.
Iames Barron.

Iames Carmychell.
Hendry Levingston provest of
Strilyng.
Welezam Norwell.

James Watsoun.	Patryk Mwray.
Robert Wotherspovn provest of	Thomas Flemyng.
Lynlytqw.	Robert Kyd.
Henre Forrest.	Thomas Menzeis.
James Danyelstoun.	Dauid Mar.
William Hegait.	Wilzem Bowosye.
Ihone Lokhart.	Thomas Bane wyt my hand on
M. Michael Wallace.	the pen leid be the notar
Archebald Mwre.	vndirwrittin.
James Browne.	Sanderis Iamesone.
Andro Douglas wyt my hand on	Ia. Andersoun.
the pen led be the notar	James Carrutheris wyt my hand
vndirwrittin.	on the pen led be the Notar
Stewin Riddall.	vndirwrittin.
Ihone Makbrair.	Thomas Martyn.
James Rig.	M. Alexr. Sibbald.
James Oliphant prouyst.	Ihon Erskyn.
Ihone Forest.	Archebald Sandilandis, with my
Adam Willsoun.	hand on the pen led be the
Wm. Lermount.	Notar vndirwrittin.
James Wollssone.	

Ita est Alex^r King, notarius publicus de mandato dicti Andrea Douglas, Thome Bane, Iacobi Carrutheris et Archibaldi Sandilandis, subscribens teste meis signo et subscriptione manualibus.

A. KING.

Ultimo Maij anno etc. quinquagesimo quinto.

THE QUHILK DAY Henry Levingstoun, William Norwell, James Oliphant, Iohne Forrest, Patrik Murray, Thomas Flemyng, Thomas Menzeis, Dauid Mar, Iohne Arskin of Dvn, and William Paniter, nemmit in the act afoir specifit, accepted vpon thame the chairge laid to thame specifit in the

said act, and maid fayth to mak alteratioun of the extent contenit in the said actt eftir thair knowlege and conscience.

Tertio Iunij anno predicto.

THE QUHILK DAY, William Craik and Maister Iohne Prestoun, chosin for the burch of Edinburgh, conform to the act maid the xxix day of Maij last bypast, acceptit the samyn vpon thaim, and maid fayth to mak alteratioun of the extent specifit in the said act eftir thair knowlege and conscience.

The quhilk day the prouestis and commissinaris of the borrowis following convenit in the Blak freris of Edinburgh, viz: The commissinaris of Edinburgh, the prouest of Striueling, the prouest of Linlythqw, the commissinaris of Perth, the prouest and comissinaris of Abirdene, the prouest and commissinaris of Montros, the prouest and commissinaris of Hadingtoun, the commissinaris of Air, the commissinaris of Dundee,—hes thocht expedient for diuers causis, and specialie becaus the maist pairt of the prouestis foirsaidis wer chosin Lordis Articlis of Parliament, and mycht nocht avait vpon the alteratioun of the extent of the borrowis, conform to the act maid the xxix day of Maij last bypast, Prorogatis the deliuerance of the personis chosin to mak the said alteratioun anent the said extent quhill the aucht day of August nixt tocum, and ordanis ane new conventioun of borrowis to be in Perth the pennult day of Iulij nixt tocum, and ordanis the prouest thair of to write to haill borrowis to be thair that day, to consult vpoun the efferis of borrowis; and als ordanis all the saidis personis, chosin as said is to mak the said alteratioun, to be in Perth the said pennult day to deliuer thair-intill; and gif ony of thaim beis absent, it salbe lesum to personis that sall compeir to deliuer, and thair deliuerance to stand in als grete effect as the haill had deliuerit.

Alteration
extent Rollis.

Apud Dundie die decimo octauo mensis Septembris anno domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo quinto.

Convenyng of
the commis-
sioneris of
burrowis.

CONVENT within the burgh of Dundie, Patrik Leirmonth of Derse, provest, Thomas Martene and Maister Alexander Sibbald, commissioneris of Sanctandrois; James Oliphant, prouest, and Iohne Foras, commissioneris of Hadingtoun; Andrew Annand, George Lowell, Robert Kyd, and George Vischert, commissioneris of Dundie; Iohne Erskene of Dwne, provest, and Williame Panter, commissioner of Montrois; Alexander Iamesone and Iames Carrudris, commissioneris of Cowper; Williame Bowsie and Maister Alexander Mortoun, commissioneris of Craill; Iohne Quhytlaw, commissioner of Northberwik; Thomas Scott, commissioner of Selkirk; Alexander Wilkesone, commissioner of Lawder; Maister Thomas Bowsie and Iohne Low, commissioneris of Brechene; Stevin Riddill, commissioner of Iedburgh; Iohne Lyne, Iohne Dunlap, commissioneris of Abirbrothok; Williame Leirmonth and Williame Bonkill, commissioneris of Dunbar; Iesper Vaus and Williame Cunnyngame, commissioneris of Innernes; Iames Ord and Iames Baird, commissioneris of Bamff; Walter Baxter and Williame Cowper, commissioneris of Dunfermeling; Thomas Kar and Iohne Ramsay, commissioneris of Forfar, for the commoun weill and effairis of all burrowis, conforme to the act and ordinance maid thairupoun at the conventioun of Perth, off the dait the thrid day of August last bypast, Is concludit be the saidis prouestis and commissioneris, that the actis and ordinans heirefter following be obseruit and keipit in all burrowis of this realme, for the commoun weill thairof, in all tymes cuming:—

Anent the
pittecustoms
and hawin
syluer in bur-
rowis and vther
sea poirtis.

ITEM in the first, the saidis provestis and commissioneris, haveing consideratioun of the grite diuersiteis of petecustomis of burrowis, and of hewin siluer of the burrowis adiacent to the sey, seueralie vpliftit and taikin bayth of fremen and vnfremen, sum takand mair hewin siluer and small customes, and vtheris takand less, swa that pur travellouris, fremen, ar towistit as vnfremen be ignorant and gredie keparis of portis and hevynis of the burrowis of this realme, to the havie dampnage of the commoun weill of burrowis and vtheris, oure Souerane Ladyis liegis, resortand to the samin; and for remeid thairof, it is devysit, statute, and ordanit, that ane

ordour vniforme and quantitie of pete customes and hewin siluer be had and vsit within all the borrowis of this realme; and in lykemaner of all vtheris customes, deweteis, and casualiteis of the samyn, and that to be efter the rycht fassoun and ordinance of Edinburgh; and that nane of the borrowis suld pretend ignorance aganis this present act, ordanis ane out draucht or copy to be maid of the petecustomes buikis of Edinburgh, of all hewin siluer and dewiteis foirsaidis, and the samyn thairefter to be transumet again in sa mony buikis as thair are borrowis within this realme, swa that euerie burgh haif ane autentik copy of the samyn, quhilk salbe delyuerit to thair petecustomer to vse it himselff, conforme thairto; and gif ony burch or thair customer cumis in the contrair thairof, bot vsis extorionis vpoun fremen and vtheris, oure Souerane Ladeis liegis, resortand thairto, the contravenar and brekar of this foirsaid act sall pay the sowme of fourtie schillingis, to be applyit to the commoun gude of the burch quhome to the falt is committit, and the complenare to quhome the wrang is done sall haif his expensis of the said contravenar, at the sycht and modifioun of the provest and baillies of that burgh.

ITEM, Becaus grite hurt is daylie done, and appeirandlie for to be done, be fre men bindand thame selfis in societie with vnfremen and vtheris, exceptand the office of ane merchand, being fremen to vnfremen, and cul-^{Anent fremen traffelquing with vnfreemen.} loring vnfremenis geir, vnder the pretence of thair libertie, to the grit defraud of frie merchandis, and of the customes and hawin siluer of burrowis, allegeand at the vpgeving of thair entres the guidis and geir of vnfremen to pertene to thame, outhir be ressoun that thai ar in sociatie and thair markis vpoun the samyn, or than becaus thai ar merchandis to vnfremen, and knawis the danger conforme to the actis of parliament to cum vpoun vnfremenis guidis, swa that the iuges and custumaris ar dayle defraudit be sic mensworne fremen, to the grite hurt of the commoun weill and libertie of burrowis; It is thairfoir devysit, statute, and ordanit, that na fremen of quhatsumevir burgh within this realme tak vpoun hand to keip sociatie in merchandice, or ressaif ony geir to trauffique thairwith, fra ony vnfremen to his vtilitie and proffett; and gif thai failzie of this command foirsaid, bot obstenatie, in contrair thair aith as mensworne fremen, vsis pretence and cullour with thair markis, and vtheris wayis ressavand and delyuerand vnfremenis guidis and geir, the persone or personis, fremen, that beis apprehendit and takin thairwith sall tyne his fredome within

burgh, and thairefter his persone to be pvneist at the will of his superioris, prouestis and baillies of the burgh quhair he duellis, as accordis vnto sic defemit, mensworne, and periurit personis.

That na shippis
befrauchtitt bot
in presence of
the dene of gild,
and nane saill
without his
tikket.

ITEM, Becaus diuers skipperis and awneris of schipis, alsweill fremen as vnfremen, qubilkis daylie frauchtis thair schipis with foirstallaris and vnfremen, to the grite hurt and dampnage of the libertie and commoun weill of burrowis, swa that fremen vseand and hantand with merchandice within burgh, may [nocht] haif ony schip or schipis of competent fraucht at fischear hewinis and portis, and landwart kirk styllis outwith freburgh, throw the quhilk thai ar gritlie onrecheit, and be bying of stapill guidis, and frauchting of schipis, as said is,—they being alsua fre fra all chargis, stentis, and taxationis input vpoun frie burrowis. For remeid thairof it is dewysit, statute, and ordanit, that na schip be frauchtit within ony burgh bot in presens of the dene of gild of the samyn, and failzeand of him in presens of ane bailzie, and that na merchand tak vpoun hand to saill out of ony burgh of this realme without the dene of gildis ticket, swa that the skipper allege na ignorance of vnfremen be fremen, and als that the said dene of gild gif na ticket bot to qualifeit fremen, honest of conuersation, having iugement of merchandice, and substance requiring thereto; and gif ony fremen, being ane skipper or owner of schip, or vnfremen, contravenis this present act, he sall pay to the commoun gude and warkis of the toun quhair he committis the falt the sowme of twenty lib; and als ordanis the dene of gild to command his officiar to pas and warne euerie strangeair that arryvis at the portis of the burrowis of this realme of the making of this act, and declair to thame the tennour of the samyn; and gif the dene of gild be fund negligent heirintill, he to pay to the effect foirsaid the sowme of xx lib.

Thatt burrowis
assist vtheris.

ITEM, Becaus the havie complaint of sum burrowis that thai ar opprest and gritlie defraudit of thair privelegis and liberties be grit men of the cuntrey, tending to put thame to vtter decay: Thairfoir it wes devysit, statute, and ordanit, that all burrowis within this realme concur togidder in ane peceabill and agreabill maner as becumis; and gif ony ane of the saidis burrowis beis opprest or hurt in thair fredome or priuileges, all the remanent sall support the samin in counsale, geir, money, and gif forder neid requyris, as law will.

Ratefeing of the
alteratioun of
the Extentt Rol-
lis maid at
Perth.

ITEM, Forsamekill as be aduis, counsale, and consent of the haill commissioneris of all burrowis of this realme, that convenit in the Tolbuyth

of Edinburgh the xxix day of Maij last bypast, it wes thoct expedient that sex burrowis, twa commissionaris for ilk burgh, suld be electit and chosin for reformatioun and alteratioun of the auld taxt roll, quhais namis wer Williame Craik and Maister Iohne Prestoun, for Edinburgh, Henrie Leivingtoun and Williame Norwell, for Stirling, Iames Oliphant and Iames Fores, for Hadingtoun, Patrik Murray and Thomas Fleming, for Perth, Thomas Menzeis and Daudid Mar, for Abirdene, and Iohne Erskine of Dwne and Williame Panter for Montrois, quhilkis personis thairefter convenit and exceptit the decisioun of the said mater in and vpoun thame; and becaus that sum of thame at that tyme war chosin Lordis of Parliament, and sua mycht nocht convene and desyde than instantlie, thay, with consent of the remanent haill burrowis, prorogatit and prolongit the furthgeveing of thair delyuerance vnto ane certane day thairefter, and to convene to that effect in the burgh of burgh (Perth), with this additioun, that gif ony of thame beis absent it suld be lesum to the personis that compeirit to deliuer and mak reformatioun, and thair delyuerance to stand in als grite effect as the haill haid convenit and delyuerit. At the quhilk day all the foirsaidis personis being convenit in the burgh of Perth, to the effect aboue writtin, and the commissionaris of the burgh of Edinburgh departand fra the samyn conuentioun, and wald nocht apply thameselffis to this effect, quhairvnto thai wer oblist of befoir, the remanent fyve burrowis, and commissionaris thair of aboue specifeit, reformit and alterit the said auld taxt roll, addit the reche burrowis, and deminissit the depauperat of thair exorbetant taxatioun, conforme to gude conscience, quhilk suld stand in effect for the space of thre zeiris nixt, efter the dait of the samin, and na alteratioun to be maid in ony taxationis to cum, without ane new conventioun of the haill burrowis or maist pairt thair of, as at mair lenth is specifeit in this present buik of reformationis, maid thairupoun, and subscriyvit with the saidis commissionaris handis, of the dait at Perth, the fyft day of August, the zeir of God 1^m. v^e. lv zeris: Thairfoir the provest and conventioun of burrowis at this present conventioun, thinkand and considerand the said electioun and nominatioun of the personis aboue specifeit, thair acceptatioun of the said mater, maid vpoun thame, of the dait at Edinburgh the last day of Maij, and thrid day of Iunij respectiue last bypast, the prorogatioun of the samin, for the causes aboue specifeit, off the dait at Edinburgh the thrid day of Iunij,

foirsaid additioun aboue expremitt, and conventioun at Perth, hail actis and reformatioun maid be the saidis personis the tyme foirsaid, to be resonabill, consonant, agreable for the commoun weill of burrowis, Be the tennour of this present act ratifeis, and appreves, and confermis the said electioun, nominatioun, acceptatioun, prorogatioun, and thair finell decreit and reformatioun foirsaid, togidder with the hail actis, statutis, and constitutionis contenit in this present buik, and decernis the samin to haif effect and strenth in tyme cuming, during the spaces respectiue contenit thairintill; and sall maintene, fortifie, and defend the samin in all poyntis, articlis, and claussis contenit thairintill, aganis euerie burgh within this realme that wald presum to mak derogatioun thairrof, as law will.

Dene of Gild to
se iustmesouris
be putt in
burrowis.

ITEM, Becaus the act of parliament ordanis all and sindrie borrowis within this realme just wechtis, mettis, and mesouris suld be vsite within burgh, and ane qualifeit persone to be deput in ilk burch to considder the samin, Heirfoir it is statut, and concludit, that ilk burch sall haif ane dene of gild zeirlie, to be chosin as vse is to ordour the samin zeirlie. And gif the said dene, to be chosin, negligencis the executioun of his office, haveand bene requyrit be the prouest and the baillics, ane or ma, sall incur the panis of borrowis, contenit in thair actis maid thairupoun of befoir.

Continuatioun
present con-
ventioun.

The hail commissionaris of borrowis, beand at this present conventioun in Dundie, hes affixt the last day of Iunij nixtocum, to convene agane in Sanctandris, for treitting vpoun thair commoun weillis of borrowis, and consarning of thair actis and statutis within burrowis, conforme to the actis of parliament, and lawis of this realme. And quhatsumevir burch being wairnit be Sanctandris to send thair commissionaris, with sufficient commissionis, the said day, and compeiris nocht in Sanctandris the said day, to pay x lib. to the remanent commissionaris that keipis the said day. (sic subscribatur)

James Oliphant, wyt my hand.

Iohne Foris, wyt my hand.

Andrew Annand, wyt my hand.

Robert Kyd, wyt my hand.

George Lowell, wyt my hand.

George Wischeart, wyt my hand.

Thomas Martene, wyt my hand.

M. Alex^r Sibbald, wyt my hand.

Alex^r Iamesone.

James Carruderis, wyt my hand.

William Bowsie, wyt my hand.

M. Alex^r Mortoun, wyt my hand.

Walter Baxter, wyt my hand.

William Cowpar, wyt my hand.

Stevin Riddell, wyt my hand.

Alex^r Wilkesone, wyt my hand.

M. Thomas Bowsie, wyt my hand,
and for Iohne Law.
William Panter, wyt my hand.

William Leirmont, wyt my
hand.
Iohne Lyne, wyt my hand.

XVII die mensis Apprilis Anno domini I^m. V^c. lxxij.

THE QUHILK DAY, Symoun Prestoun, of that Ilk, Knycht, prouest of this ^{New Conven-} burch of Edinburch, Alexander Clerk, Alexander Vddert, baillies, with Dauid ^{tion.} Forstar, commissar; Ritchert Blyth, commissar for Dundee; Ihonn Craigingelt of that Ilk, prouest, and William Forster, baillie, commissar for Striueling; William Flemyng, baillie, and Ihonn Maxtoun, commissaris for Perth; Patrick Meinzes, commissar for Abirdene; Ihonn Forres, prouest, and Thomas Puntoun, commissaris for Haddingtoun; Matheu Heriot, baillie, and Ihonn Grahame, commissar for Glasgw; Richert Rutherfurde, prouest, and William Hepburne, baillie, commissaris for Iedburch; Ordanis ane conventioun of the commissaris of the hale burrois of this realme to begyn and be haldin at Sanctandrois, on Trinitie Sounday nixt, or the nixt lauchfull day thair- eftir, for reasonyng and tretim vpon the commoun effaris of merchantis, and for statutis to be maid concernyng thair commoun weill; and to this effect ordanis the prouest and baillies of Sanctandrois to wryte to the saidis burrois for keiping the said day, bering certificatioun to thame that comperit nocht that thay salbe haldin to abide and vnderly the statutis to be maid be thame that sall compeir.

Alexander Clark.

Maister Iohne Prestoun.

Patrick Menzeis.

Alexand. Knowis.

Robert Clark.

Cragmillar, Knit.

Alexander Uddartt.

Iohn Craigingelt, prowest.

I. Forest.

Thomas Povntoun.

XXI mensis Octobris 1570.

Sending Co-
missionaris to
France.

THE QUHILK DAY, The comissaris efterwrittin, viz., Adam Foullertoun, and Maister Ihonne Prestoun, comissaris for Edinburch; Iames Lovell, and Alexander Scrymgeour, for Dundee; Thomas Monypenny, and William Flem-yng, for Perth; William Norvell, for Striueling; Mathew Heriot, for Glasqu; Archibald M'Brair, prouest, Iames Rig, for Dunfreis; Charlis Drummond, and Nychole Townis, for Linlythqw; David Patersoun, for Cowper; Ihonne Aytoun, prouest, and Barnard Thomsoun, for Haddingtoun; being conuenit to the parliament, the xxij of this instant, for autorizing of my Lord Erle of Levinax, of Regentrie, etc. Efter lang resonyng vpoun the proclamatioun maid in France discharging all Scottis schippis of ony hant or trafique thair, bot of sic as bringis with yame the Kingis modirreis, or hir lieu-tennentis, writingis in thair favouris; For remeid quhairof thay all in ane voce consenttis, and granttis, and ordanis, that ane or tua honest men, merchanttis, be chosin and send to the King of France with writtingis for getting of the said proclamatioun dischargit, in name of the hale burrois, sic as the provest, baillies, and counsall, thinkis guid; and ordanis thame to direct the saidis writtingis vnder thair comoun seill, and to mak the said mannis expenssis; for the releif quhairof, thai ar content and consentis that ane generall extent be raisit and sett vpoun the haill borrois of the realme; and thai oblis thame and thair successouris to releif thame for thair pairtis.

The Conven-
tion to be hald-
in in Sanctan-
drois.

The samyn day the comissaris foirsaidis ordanis a conventioun of the haill burrois to be in Sanctandros the secound of Ianuare nixt, and ordanis the provest and baillies of Sanctandros to direct thair writtingis to vther burrois for keiping of the said day, with certificatioun to tham in Sanctandros, gif thai failze, thai sall nocht be ony conventioun appoyntit to be in thair toun at ony tyme heirefter, becaus thair was syndrie conventionis appoyntit to be in the said toun abefoir, and nocht keipit in thair default, etc.

At Sanctandrois, sexto (quinto?) die mensis Ianuarij 1570.

Commisaris for Edinburgh, Adame Foullertoun, dene of gild, Nichole Vdartt, thesaurer, Alexander Guthre, clark; Stirveling, Robert For-ester, zounger, baillie, Robert Alexander, merchantt; Perth, Thomas Monypenny, thesaurer; Dundie, Alexander Scrumgeour, dene of gild, James Lovell, merchantt; Coupar, David Lyndesay, provest, David Welandis, thesaurer, James Andersoun, clark; Sanctandrois, Maister William Cok, baillie, Maister Alexander Sibbald, baillie, Maister Thomas Balfour, baillie, Alane Watsoun, dene of gild, Thomas Welwod, merchantt; Linlithqu, Nicoll Tovnes, clark; Hadingtoun, James Cokburn; Monros, Robert Clark; Carrell, Thomas Baine, bailze, Williame Bousie, eldar, Patrik Geddey, Ihonn Ramsay; Innerkeithing, Henry David-soun, baillie, Andrew Spittell.

ITEM, for Abirdene, ane speciall writing direct to the prouest, baillies, and counsale of Dundee, vnder thair commoun signet and subscriptioun of thair commoun clerk, desyring thame to voit in thair places, quhais votis salbe approvin be thaim as gif thai war present, and this writing^e deliuerit to Maister Ihonn Bonkill, commoun clerk of Sanctandrois.

V^{to} Ianuarij 1570.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commisaris abouewrittin, efter lang aduissmentt and consideratioun takin of the greitt hurtt and manifold dampnages quhilkis, be the sleuth and negligence of the magistratis of burrowis, quhilk hes daylie fallin and fallis to the estait of merchantis, for non con-venying at sic tymes as hes bene appointitt for resonyng vpoun thair commoun effaires, For remeid quhairof, thai haif maid the statutis efter following:—

INPRIMIS, Forsameikle as be the occasioun of weris and manifold trou-
blis that hes chansitt within this realme of laitt tyme past, ane greitt

Alteratioun
extent Rollis.

pairt of the burrowis, quhilkis of befor war riche and substantious, are now becumyn vnable and pure, and may nocht at this present sustene sic charges, nor pay sic sovmes in taxtis or stentis, as thai had wontt to do, For remeid quhairoff, itt is statute and ordanit that the ald taxt and stent rollis of the burrowis salbe changitt and alteritt, and the burrois decayitt thairintill consideritt, and vtheris inressit to be thair releif, for the space of thrie zeris nixt heirefter alanerlie; and to this effect thay nominat sic as salbe chosin commisaris be the magistratis of Edinburgh, Sterveling, Perth, Dundy, Abirdene, Montros, Air, Lynlithqw, Sanct-androis, or ony sax of thame, quhilkis commisaris sall compeir in Edinburgh, in case the parliament had appointitt ye xxij of Ianuar instant, the xvij day of the samyn, and failling thair of, at sic vtheris dayis as thai salbe aduerteist be the provest and baillies of Edinburgh.

Extentt of iiii
markis.

The samyn day, the commisaris foirsaidis grantis and consentis, that with all diligence thar be ane extentt rasitt of ane thousand markis of all the burrois of this realme, to be gevin to Nicoll Vddartt for doun-getting of the ten solz of the tvn of wyne in Burdealx, rasitt vpoun the merchantis of this realme thair, and ordanis the discharge thair of obtenitt be the procurementt of Capitane Niniane Cokburn, vnder the King of Franci's greitt seill, presentlie in the said Nicoll's hand, to remane in the keping of the provest, baillies, and counsall of Edinburgh; quhilk discharge thai ordaine authentiklie to be translatitt, and thairefter insert and registratt in the buikis of oure Souerane Lordis Cessioun, to the effect that euery burgh may haif the cople thair of for the resonable expensis.

Commission-
aris to Dans-
kyne, Deumark

ITEM, Becaus it is cum to the knowlege of the saidis commisaris, that in all partis where the merchantis of this realme resortis towart the eist sees, and in speciall within the dominionis of the King of Denmark, and toun of Danskyne, thair is new exactionis and impoistis rasitt, to the greitt hurtt of the saidis merchantis, and all resortand in thai partis, For remeid quhair of, itt is statute and ordanitt be the commissinaris foirsaidis, that be all meanis possible labouris be maid att the handis off the said King of Denmark, the magistratis of Danskyne, and vtheris neidfull, for discharging of the said new impoist and obseruyng of the ald, and gif neid sall requyre, to the better furtherance thair of, thay grantt and consentt that the haill burrois be taxtt, and ane extentt rasitt, conform to the

ordour to be takin at sic tymes as salbe found neidfull the samyn be done.

ITEM, Forsamekle as itt was thocht gude be the commisaris of burrois in thair last conventioun halden at Edinburgh the xxj of October this instant zeir of God 1570, for the commoun weill of the haille estait of merchantis, that ane speciall man suld be direct be the provest and baillies of Edinburgh, in all thair names, to the maist Cristintt King of France, for obtenying of discharge of the edict laitlie proclamit in his Hienes dominionis, discharging the traffik and resort of all Scottis schippis to ony of his see tovnis, bot sic as brocht for thair warrand wrytingis frome oure Kings mothir, or hir liewtennentis; be the quhilk edict, the saidis haille merchantis estait hes bene greitlie hurtt; And becaus itt is knawin to thame that the said provest, baillies, and counsall of Edinburgh, hes direct away to the said maist Cristant King, thair weilbeluffit nychtbour Henry Nesbett, thair comburgess, to quhame thai haif causitt thair thesaurer avance certane sovmes of money, and hes farther obleist thame to geve and delyuer to him at his return xv schillingis for ilk frank sal happin him deburs in the caus foirsaid, The saidis commisaris, for the releif of the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall of Edinburgh, and thair thesaurer, grantis and consentis that ane extent be sett and rasitt of the haille burrowis of this realme, at sic tyme as the said Henry sall return, or sonar, as sal be found neidfull by the provest, baillies, counsall foirsaid, efter the resaitt of the said Henrie's comptis and consideratioun takin be thame thairof. And consentis that executorialis of hornying or poynding be obtenit afor the lordis of oure Souerains Cessioun for the better obedience of this and the uther ordinances abouewrittin.

The samyn day, efter lang resoning as said is, the saidis commisaris knawing thame selves to be greitlie hurt be the multitude of vnfremen saillaris, For remeid quhairof, thai haif statute and ordanit, that every burgh within this realme causs letters be rasitt vpoun the actis of parliament grantit for the maintenance of the fredome and liberties of frie burrois, and caus the same be execute within the boundis of thair iurisdiction, as thai will the regarid of their commoun weillis.

ITEM, It is statute and ordanit be the saidis commisaris, that no burges purchases lordship aganis the fredome and libertie of his burgh, nouthir procure ony thing that may be contrair the commoun weill thereof, by

the consent and ayce of the tovnship, vnder the pane of periurie and tynsall of his fredome, and that na man colour the guidis of vnfreemen vnder the coulour of his awin, nothir be partinaris with thaime, factouris, nor doaris for thaime in causis of merchandres, vnder the paine foirsaid.

Pakking and
peilling out-
with frie bur-
rowis.

ITEM, Forther it is statute be the saidis commisaris, that every frie burgh, within thair awin jurisdiction, caus letteris be rasitt as said is vpoun sic as pakis or peillis outwith frie burrois, and in sic caisis to put thair awin actis and statutis, founded vpoun the act of parliament, and conform to thair liberties and privileges, to executioun, vnder the pane of twentie pundis to be collectitt and vptakin of every burgh that faillis to do the samyn, and the said xx liis. to be collectitt and vptakin of all the burrois be south Forth be Adame Foulertoun, dene of gild of Edinburgh, and be Alexander Scrumgeour, dene of gild of Dundie, of all the tovnis be north Forth, efter the intimatioun and publicatioun of this present ordinance : And grantis and consentis that letteris be obtenit befor the Lordis of oure Soueranis' Cessioun, to mak the saidis Adame and Alexander obeyitt of the saidis sovmes, vnder sic panis as thai think gude ; provyding alwayis that the saidis Adame and Alexander mak compte and reknyng to the commisaris of burrois, at every conventioun, of sic sovmes as it salhappin thame resave.

Making of gild
brether within
burgh.

ITEM, Becaus the saidis commisaris thinkis thame selves greitlie hurt be the multitude of the burgessis and gild brether, and for certane causis moving thame, they haif statute and ordanit, that nane be gild brether within burgh fra this day furth without the payment of xl pundis to the dene of gild, to be applyitt to the commoun gude ; and gif it salhappin the provest, baillies, and counsall of ony burgh to consent and give ony burgeschippis or gildries gratis, for requeistis of greitt men or vtheris occasionis quhatsumeuir, the consentaris thairto to be haldin to refound the said sovme of xl pundis to the commoun gude, sa oft as itt salhappin thame do the contrair the tenour of this present ordinance : And becaus itt has bene in vse in tymes past, the provest, baillies, and vtheris officiaris of the burgh hes had grantitt to thame be rycht of thair offices certane burgeschippis, quhilkis thai disponit at thair plesour, It is found be the saidis commisaris, that the saidis officiaris sall haif na farther [claim] for the dewties of the saidis burgeschipp and gildries, nor thai had befor the making

of the saidis ordinances, nouthir sall it be lesum to thame to dispone to vtheris than to men of gude fame and honestie; provyding alwayis this present ordinance be nocht preiudiciall to the barnis of frie merchantis and frie craftismen.

ITEM, Becaus it is knawin to the commisaris foirsaidis, that thair is ^{Piratt schippis in Leith.} certane piratt schippis in redynes in the hawin of Leyth, and vtheris partis of this realme, to pass furth in piracie, and knawing thameselves and the haille lieges of the realme to be in amitie and friendship with all nationis, For stopping of the saidis piratis of thair wickitt interprises, they desyre the commisaris of Edinburgh, with all diligence possible, to rais letters vpoun the xxiiij act of parliamentt haldin at Edinburgh be oure Souerane Lordis mothir, and caus the samyn be execute vpoun all schippis within the boundis of thair iurisdictionis, and speciall vpoun sic as ar to pas vpoun the Portingalx, quhilkis ar dischargitt be the said act.

ITEM, the saidis commisaris ordanis letters to be rasitt vpoun the j^c ^{Conseruatour.} and xiiij act of parliamentt haldin be King Iames the feird, for hame bringing of the conseruitour of Flanderis, and that the letteris be directt away with diligence for hame bringing of him, that ordour may be takin concernyng the merchantis that travellis in thai partis.

ITEM, That letters be raisitt vpoun all vnfremen, slayaris of herring ^{Slayaris of herring and quhyte fische.} and quhyte fische, inhibeting thame of all sailling thairwith transporting of the samyn furth of the realme, or disponyng thair of to vtheris nor to frie merchantis, as vse hes bene.

ITEM, Becaus of the evill brute and sclander rasitt on the haille mer- ^{Skynnys, hydis.} chantis of this realme in France, Flanderis, and vtheris partis bezond the see, as it is alledgitt, that of the wambes of all hydis and skynnys thair is tar letheris cuttit and tane away, the haslokis and fyne woll of the skynnys in lykmaner thifteouslie stollin, to the greitt hurtt of the byar and dishonestie of this realme, For remeid quhair of, itt is thocht maist necessar be the saidis commisaris that statutis be maid in every frie burgh of this realme, that all flesche slane to landwart be presentitt to the mercatt with the skyn and byrn vn tarletheritt, and plukkitt or powitt, and that the scheip skyn be flane to the horn, the cow and olxin hydis stykand to the bouk; and gif ony beis found apprehenditt slane within burgh or to landwartt vtherwayis, the skyn or hyde to be

escheitt, and applyitt to the commoun warkis of the toun, or to the pure, as the magistratis sall think expedientt; and ordanis this statute to be proclamitt dyueris mercatt dayis, to the effect that nane sall pretend ignorance, incase thai contravene the samyn.

Anent fals
cunzie.

ITEM, Becaus of the sclander and evill brute rasitt on the hail mer-
chantis of this realme, quha ar allegitt to be the hame bringaris of the
fals hardheidis, fals plakis, and vther fals cunze, quhilk is the principall
occasioun of all derth, the commisaris foirsaidis, for purging of thame-
selves, and all honest merchantis, maist hertlie requeistis the provest,
baillies, and counsall of Edinburgh to geve in supplicationis in all thair
namis before the Lordis of Articlis of Parliament, or Lordis of Secreitt Coun-
sall, maist humlie craving and desyring that inquisitioun may be tane with
diligence, sua tryall may be had of sic as ar the hamebringaris of the
said fals money, to the effect that, for the offence of the giltie, the inno-
cent and honest persoun remane nocht in sclander and suspicioun, and
the wickitt may be pvneist withoutt fauouris.

Halding of woll
within the
cuntrie.

ITEM, The saidis commisaris foirseing that it suld greitlie avance the
commoun weill of the realme gif the hail woll of the samyn mycht be
haldin at hame be the space of thrie zeris nixt heireftir, quhairby suld
nocht onlie the desolatt craftismen and pure laboraris, quhilkis ar now
putt to extreme povertie for falt of laubouris and hand wark, be helpitt
and suppleitt, bot alsua oure Soueranis customis greitlie advancitt and
augmentitt, Quhairfoir the commisaris foirsaidis maist hertlie requeistis
the provest, baillies, and counsall of Edinburgh, that this be proponit be
speciall artikle the nixtt parliament, and be all menis possible procuritt
to be grantitt for the causis aboue written.

Anentis com-
missioneris
paying of quot.

ITEM, To remember be speciall artikle the nixt parliament, that it be
lamentitt the greitt hurt done, nocht onlie to the burrois, bot to all oure
Soueranis lieges decesand, be the ordour of commissary now vsitt, forsa-
mekle as nane salbe executour admittitt to ony persoun departitt, bott
sic as salbe nominatt in presence of minister, redar, notar, and witnessis,
quhilkis can nocht be had att all tymis in all places, etc., Item, In cace itt
happin men to be debtbound to vtheris in greitt sovmes of money, and
the same in radynes and laid by to be gevin to the creditour, zitt the
executouris of the departitt are compellitt to pay quott thairfoir; and
siclike, incase greitt sovmes be restand awin to the defunct, quhilkis ar

neuer able to be gottin, the executouris ar compellitt to pay quott thairfoir. In thir and siclike that remeid be socht as said is.

Memorandum. To mak ane supplicatioun to the Lordis of Artiklis, etc., for discharging of the customes of scaldingis and schoirling and fute-falis, etc.

ITEM, Ane supplicatioun to the saidis Lordis anent the taxationis rasitt vpoun the borrois at every particular raid, by thar auld priveleges, etc.

ITEM, Ane supplicatioun for the mesour of barrelis of salmond, hering, and quhyte fische.

ITEM, That the salmond barrell contene xij gallonis; the quhyte fische, and hering, ten gallonis; and euer ilk couper mark his barrell with his awin birning yrne, and be haldin to ansuer thairfoir vpoun sic panis as salbe devysitt.

ITEM, The foirsaidis commisaris efter conclusion takin be thame in sic thingis as concernis thair commoun weill aggreing with the tyme, continewis forthir resonying in thair effaires to the nixt conventioun, quhilk thai appoint to be haldin at Edinburgh the xxv day of Merche nixtt, incace the appointit day of the parliament hald nocht, and ordanis the provest of the said toun to direct letteris to the remanent burrowis conforme to the ordour, and incace thai compeir nocht quba ressavis letteris, that the act of poynding according to the ald ordour be extenditt vpoun thame; and to the said day suspendis all extensis, butt langer delay.

Adam Fullertoun, dein of gild.

Nicolas Wduart, 1570.

Alex^r Guthre.

Robart Fostir, bailie.

Thomas Monypenny.

Alex^r Scrymgour, dene of gyld.

M. Thomas Balfour.

Mr Alex^r Sibbald.

Allein Watsoun.

M. William Cok.

Thomas Welwod.

D. Lyndsay, provest.

No. Thownis, clerk.

James Cokburn.

James Lowell.

Wilzem Bowsye.

Ibone Ramsay, ss^t.

Patrik Geddey, thesaurer.

Thomas Kene, bailze.

James Andersone.

Dauid Weland.

Robert Alschinder, etc.

James Forester.

Robert Clark.

Androw Spettell.

Hary Dauidsoun be Alex^r

Guthre, at my command.

Apud Edinburch, xxiijo Junij I^m. V^c. lxxiiij^{to}.

THE QUHILK DAY the commissaris of burrois, vnder subscrivand, continewis all actionis concernyng thair estait to the xv day of Iulij, quhilk day thay appoynt for ane generale conventioun of the hale burrois to be haldin in this toun, and requeistis the prouest and baillies of this burch to direct writingis for keiping of the said day, according to the ordour, and to send letteris for poynding of sic as keipit nocht this present conventioun appoyntit xx^{mo} instant Iunij.

For Edinburch, Henry Neisbett.

Maister Iohnne Preston.

Wm. Litill.

Iohne Harwod.

James Lowell.

For Dundie, Iames Lovell, Henry

Blythe.

For Perth, Ihone Monypenny.

For Linlytqw, Ni. Thowinis.

For Air, Ihone Lokhart.

For Dunfreis, Archibald Makbrayr.

For Kirkcaldy, ...

Decimo quarto Iulij.

THE QUHILK DAY, the provest, baillies, and counsall of Edinburgh makis, nominatis, constitutis, and ordainis Henry Neisbet, baillie, Maister Ihonn Prestoun, Williame Littill, and Ihonn Harwod of the counsall, thair commissaris for thame in this present conventioun to be haldin in this toвне the morn to convene, and thair, with the remanent commissaris of burrowis, to treat, reson and conclude, and forther, in all caussis concernyng the commoun weill of the merchant estait of this realme to do, as thay mycht do thame selves gif thay war personaly present, promesand firme and staybill haldand, and for to hald, etc.

A. Guthrie.

Apud Edinburgh, decimo quinto Julij, I^m. V^c. lxxiiij^o.

Comisaris for Edinburgh, Henry Neisbet, Williame Littill, Maister Ihonn Prestoun, Ihonn Harwod; Dondy, Alexander Scrymgeour, Richart Blythe; Abirdene, Patrik Menzeis; Sterveling, Ihonn Williesoun; Coupar, Robert Pryde; Hadingtoun, Iames Cokburn, Ihonn Aytoun; Elgyne, Walter Mawer; Kingorn, Robert Cunynghame, Iames Logane; Kyrcaidye, Williame Lamb, Ihonn Hacket; Kyrkcudbrycht, Robert Hall, Halbert Glaidstanis; Peiblis, Patrik Veche; Iedburch, David Anislie, Iames Laidla; Glasgw, Iames Flemyng; Linlithqw, N. Thownis; Irving, Robert Scott; Sanctandrois, Thomas Wallet.

In the conventioun of burrowis haldin at Edinburgh the xv day of Iulij anno 1574 zeris, The commisaris of burrowis eftir subscriyvand statutis and ordanis as followis, etc.

IN THE FIRST, It is statute and ordanit, that in all conventionis, baith in parliament and outwith, quhair the commisaris of burrowis ar requyrit to be for geving of thair voitis in the commoun effaires, that na man tak vpoun hand to vote for vtheris, nouthier for the haill nor for pairt, without speciall commissioun, efter rype avysement grantit and gevin thairto, bot that euery commisar haif the frie libertie according to his conscience to geve his vote, exceptand it be concludit befor be the haill that ane sall speik and vote for all; and gif it sa be concludit, that ane act be maid of the commoun consent of sa mony as salbe present for the tyme, for his warrand that salbe choisin to vote for the haill as said is.

Anentis voting
at conven-
tionis.

ITEM, Efter rype avysement and consideratioun takin be the saidis commisaris for causis moving thame concernyng thair commoun weillis, It is statute and ordanit, that na commissioun salbe gevin att ony tyme heir- efter to ony maner of persoun to treat, reson, or conclude in causis concernyng the commoun weill of burrowis or estait of merchantis, bot to sic as ar merchantis and trafficquaris, haifand thair remanyng and dwelling within burgh, and beris bourdene with the nychtbouris and inhabitantis thairrof, vnder the paine of ane hundreth pundis to be vptakin of the provest and baillies of the burgh that dois in the contrair heirof, to be

Anentis sic as
sal have place
at conventioun
of burrowis.

applyit in the commoun effaires, as salbe thocht gude be the remanent commisaris that salbe present for the tyme; and for inbringing of the said paine and vnlaw, the commisaris present, efter subscriyvand, consentis and grantis for thame selues, and in name and behalf of the tovnis of quhome thai haif thair commissioun, that vpoun this present act and ordinance letteris salbe raisit befor the Loirdis of Sessioun for poynding of the contravenaris thairof be sic as salbe nominat in the act and ordinance efter following.

Inbringing of
the vnlawis
aboue writtin.

ITEM, It is statute and ordanit, that for collecting and inbringing of the paynis and vnlawis contenit in the statute abouewrittin, and in the statutis maid of auld, that the provest, baillies, and counsall of Edinburgh sall rais letteris vpoun the commoun charges vpoun all burrowis from Forth, south,—the provest and baillies of Dondye frome Forth, north to the watter of Dye,—the provest and baillies of Abirdene frome Dye, north; and thay and thair commisaris to be haldin accusabill in euery conventioun, incase of non doing of diligence for inbringing the saidis paynis, and sidlike to be subject to compte, raknyng, and delyuerance incais ony sovmes be delyuerit.

Auent trans-
porting of the
staipill.

ITEM, The saidis commissaris, efter lang resonyng vpoun the troubilsum estait presentlie in Flanderis, and foirseing the dainger that sall apperandlie fall vpoun the merchantis of this realme resoirting thairto, hes thocht gude that ane supplicatioun be maid to my Loird Regentis Grace, and Loirdis of Secreit Counsall, for obtenyng of thair gude will and consent to the hail merchantis of this realme to transpoirt thair traffique frome the saidis partis of Flanderis to the toвне of Calais, for ane tyme, quhill it sall pleis God to bring that contry of Flanderis in quyetnes as it hes bene befor; quhillk being obtenit and grantit, that ane qualefeit man of the merchant estait, and nane other, be electit and chosin be sic of the burrowis as commission salbe gevin to, to pas to the said toвне, to avyse and resoun the principallis thairof concernyng the privilegis that salbe desyrit for the weill of oure natioun, and of the vtheris offerit and grantit, incais it be found gude to transpoirt the traffique, as said is. And in the menetye, gif ony schippis of this realme passis to Holland or Zeland, that the merchantis and awnaris thairof vse na trafficque of thair gudes or geyr in West Flanderis, for eschewing of danger, vnto the tyme that

farther ordour be taikin, and ansuer gottin agane frome Calais, concernyng the premissis.

ITEM, Efter lang resonyng vpoun the contentis of the King of Denmarkis wryting, direct to oure Souerane Lord, desyryng that all schippis of oure natioun resoirting to Noroway or vtheris pairtis in his dominionis bring with thame, for testefeing of thair honestie and estait, his Hienes wrytingis, It is thocht gude that, be supplicatioun to my Loird Regentis Grace and Loirdis of Secreit Counsall, it be desyrit that all schippis passing to the pairtis foirsaidis haif for thair warrand the coquet of the burgh or point quhairfra thay pas, bering the name of the maister, merchant awnar, and schip, and this to be sufficient; and that his Grace wrytingis may be had to the said King of Denmark declaring this ordour to be taikin for the honestie of the liegis of this realme, and the samyn of him to be haldin sufficient in all tymes cuming.

Coquettis to
Noroway,
Denmark.

ITEM, Inlykemaner, that it be proponit to my Loird Regentis Grace and Loirdis foirsaidis, incais the Quenis Maiestie of England will grant and consent that sum of hir schippis sall remane vpoun hir sea coistis and watteris for purging of the samyn of pyratis, and vtheris wicked personis, That inlykewayis it may be grantit be his Grace and Loirdis foirsaidis to the merchantis of this realme, vpoun thair commoun chargis, to set furth ane schip with ane bark for purging of oure Soueranis watteris of the saidis pyratteis and wicked personis, and for convoying of the schippis of this realme langis the coist of England, and vtheris pairtis neidfull, from the danger of innemeis, during sic tyme as we sall fynd gude; and incais the samyn be grantit, the commisaris of burrowis foirsaidis gevis thair commissioun and full powar to the provestis, baillies, and counsallis of Edinburgh, Dondye, Abirdeue, and Sterveling for the said schip and bark to provyde men, meit, mvnitioun, and all vther furnesingis necessar thairto, during quhat tyme thay sall think gude; and oblesis thame that the expenssis thairvpoun to be debursit to releve for thair pairtis according to the discretioun of the saidis foure burrowis, as the samyn salbe taxit be thame, provyding that nane beir charge within the said schip or bark bot merchantis, as principallis thairrof, and sic vtheris as thay sall chuse, qualefeit abill men, that thay may imput and output at thair plesouris, be the avyse and command of the saidis foure burrowis. And gif it beis found that be the Quene of Englandis schippis

For staying of
pirattis.

the seas in thir pairtis beis clengit, than the schip and bark foirsaid, vpoun the sute of the nyctbouris (of) the burrowis of the north and west pairtis, to pas for clenging of thair seais and watteris; and sua be ordour be rady to serue quhair neid salbe gretest, be the avyce of the saidis foure burrowis.

Syluer to the
Cunzehous.

ITEM, It being knawin to the commisaris of burrowis foirsaidis, that my Loird Regentis Grace, vpoun Thursday last the xv day of this instant moneth of Julij, had requyrit of the baillies, counsall, and merchantis of this burgh of Edinburgh, to furneis samekill fyne siluer to oure Souerane Lordis cunze hous, vpon the hiest price, as wald be the proffeit thair of releve oure said Souerane of the sovme of xxxvij^m lib. quhairintill his Hienes was addettit to certan his creditouris, and that it was geven to his Grace be thame for ansuer that thay sould avyse with the saidis commisaris thairanent, and that thay sould repoint all thair ansueris together,—the saidis commisaris haifing na sic thingis proponit to thame, nor forther commissioun gevin, bot onlie to treatt and resoun vpoun the heidis contenit in thair wrytingis laitlie direct frome the said burgh of Edinburgh to thair tovnis, quhairvnto they had gevin sufficient ansueir according to thair commissioun, and farther could nocht interpryse, nor tak vpoun hand, without the avyse of thair magistrattis, and thairfoir desyrit that sic resonabill excuse mycht be maid to my said Loird Regentis Grace as thay of Edinburgh sould think maist meit and expedient for satefeing of him for this presentt.

To pas to the
Regentt.

ITEM, It is ordanit, that the commisaris of Edinburgh, Dondy, Aberdene, Sterveling, Sanctandrois, pas to the Abbay to my Loird Regentis Grace, thair to procure at his Graces hand the benefite of the articles abouewrittin, to be grantit for the causis aboue expremitt.

Extentt for
debarring of
pirattis.

ITEM, The saidis commisaris of burrowis, daylie seing the incres of troublis vpon the merchantis of this realme be the occasioun of the slaknes of prouisioun in resisting of the pyratiss, quhais nomber and tyranny daylie inccressis as said is, For remeid quhair of, thay all in aue voce consentis concludis and grantis, that ane generall extent be vplifted of the haill burrowis with all diligence possibill, for furthsetting of the schip and bark foirsaid, furnesing of the companies and necessaris thair of, satefeing of Nicolas Vddart of his thousand merkis debursit for doungetting of the ten deniers, and payment to him of the money debursit to Henry

Neisbet, and this extent to extend to thrie thousand merkis alanerlie for this present; provyding alwayis that the first and rediest of the said extent be wairit vpoun the outred of the saidis schippis,—the superplus for satefeing of the saidis dettis, and vtheris chairgis necessar debursit be the toвне of Edinburgh, to be allowit vpoun compte; and the saidis commissaris takand the bourding vpoun thame, for thame selues and thair burrowis, oblesis thame, according to the auld rollis, to releif for thair pairttis; providing that this present act preiuge nocht the statutis and ordinances maid of befor for alteratioun of the saidis auld rollis, quhilk alteratioun thay ordane to be fyrst ressonit and concludit in thair nixt conventioun, appoyntit to be halden at Striueling the xxij of October nixt.

ITEM, The saidis commissaris of burrowis ratefeis and appreis the actis, statutis, and ordinances maid in thair last conventioun, haldin at Sanct-androis the saxt day of Januar 1570, and ordanis the copyes thairof, subscriyvit be the commoun clark of Edinburgh, to be gevin to euery commissar vpoun thair resonabill expensis, that letteris may be raisit thairvpoun conforme to the ordour thairintill contenit; and ordanis the saidis commissaris to cause the saidis letteris to be execute within thair boundis, vnder the panis to be accusabill befor the haill commissaris of the nixt conventioun, without preiudice of the pecuniall paynis contenit in the saidis actis, ordanit to be vplifted and inbrocht be Iames Ros, thesaurer of Edinburgh, of all the tovnis be south Forthe, and be Alexander Scrymgeour of Dondy, of all the tovnis be north Forth to the Watter of Dye, and be Patrik Menzeis of Abirdene, of all the tovnis be north Dye,—and thay to mak compte thairof in the nixt conventioun; and sua for this present levis of and continewis all forther resonyng in thair effaires vnto the twenty-thrid day of October nixt, appoynting the said day to convene in the toвне of Stirveling; and thairfoir ordanis the provest and baillies of Sterveling to direct thair wrytingis to the haill burrowis, makand mentioun heirof, and of the speciall causis quhairfoir thay sall convene, willing euery commissar to bring his commissioun to that effect, vnder the pane of ane hundreth pundis to be vplifted and distributed at the plesour of the remanent commissaris comperand. And in approbatioun thairof the saidis commissaris hes subscriyvit this present at the said burgh of Edinburgh, the nyntene day of Iulij i^m v^c lx fourtene zeris. And

Ratificatioun
of the Actis
befoirwrittin.

ordanis James Ros, thesaurer of Edinburgh, to be collectour of the stent of thrie thousand merkis foirsaidis, etc.

Henry Neisbett, etc.
 Maister Iohne Prestoun.
 Iohne Harwod.
 Wm. Litill.
 Richard Blyth.
 Alex^r. Scrymgeour.
 Patrik Menzeis.

Robert Pryd.
 Thomas Waluod.
 Ihone Aytoun.
 N. Thownis.
 Iohnne Willesoun, wyt my hand
 tuiching the pen led be Ni-
 choll Thownis, notar.

*Certane Actis and Statutis maid at the last Conventioun
 of Burrowis haldin at Striveling, the xxv day of October,
 1574.*

THE QUHILK DAY, in the conventioun of burrowis appoyntit to be haldin at Striveling the xxij day of October instant, It is statutit and ordanit be the commissionaris efter subscrivand, that this ordour in all thair conventiounis be foir evir obseruit, That is to say, In quhatsumevir burch the conventioun is appoyntit to be haldin, the principall of that burch, hafing commissioun, beand ane man having his remanyng within the said burch, and bering charge with his nychtbouris, that principall man to be moderator in all thingis that salbe proponit and ressonit in the said conventioun, and the particulair complaintis proponit and hard, the remanent commissionaris opinionis gevin thairintill at sic tyme as the said moderator sall think gude, silence to be commandit, and eftir conclusioun takin, and the samyn be the said moderator pronuncit, na forder argument in that matter to be haid for that tyme.

Moderator.

Douglas, cor-
 diner, prouost
 of Haddington
 deposit.

ITEM, Efter advysement with the auld statutis in the conventiounis of burrowis past of befor, it being fundin that na commissioun suld be gevin to ony maner of persoun to conveine in the conuentioun of burrowis bot to sic as ar of the merchandis estait, bering burding with the merchandis, and having residence with thame in thair townis; and efter

ressoning, fynding that ane Iohnne Dowglas, alledgit proveist of Hadingtoun, being ane cordinar of his occupation, to present ane commissioun of the said toun of Hadingtoun desyring to be haid as commissioner of the said burch,—the auld actis and ordinances respectit,—the saidis commissiounaris all in ane voice fyndis and delyveris, that na craftisman hes evir had, nolder aucht or suld haif, voit or commissioun amangis thame; Quhairfoir thay decernit the said Iohnne Dowglas, cordiner, to remove himself fra thair society, and, for his pairt, the said commissioun to be of nane avail; and in his place, for the said toun of Hadingtoun, admittis Iohnne Seyttoun, ballie thair of, and nane vthair; and ordanis in all thair names ane commissioun to be send to the said toun of Hadingtoun that na commissioun be gevin be thame to ony craftisman heireftir vnder the pane of i^c. lib.

The samyn day, efter ressoning vpoun the act and ordinance sett furth in the last conventioun of burrowis, haldin at Edinburch the xxv day of Iulij last, bering that thair suld be ane extent of thrie thousand merkis liftit and vptakin fra the haill fre burrowis of this realme, for satisfying and paying of ane thousand merkis to Nicolas Vdward, ane of the ballies of the town of Edinburgh, for downgetting of ten sows of the twyn of wyne in Burdeaulx, and for satisfying and paying of dyueris vtharis greitt sowmes debursit be the said toun of Edinburch, Henry Neisbitt, and Iohnne Farguissoun, and vtheris, send be commoun consent in Frans and England, for the commoun welth of the estaitt of merchandis, and for furthsetting of ane schip and bark for resisting of Inglis pyrattis vpoun the sea, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said act,—the saidis commissiounaris now convenit thinkis not neidfull that the schip and bark be set furth now at this present, in respect of the wynter seasoun approchit, and vtharis causes moving thame; and thairfoir ordanis that of the said thrie thousand merkis thay salbe onlie vpliftit and imbrocht twa thousand merkis alanerly, to be delyverit to the thesaurar of Edinburch, to be furthcummand vpoun compt to be randerit in the nixt conventioun. And gif it beis fundin that the dettis awand to the said Nicolas Vdward, and toun of Edinburgh, sall exceid and gang aboue the said sowme of twa thousand merkis, the commissiounaris efter subscrivand, takand the burding vpoun thame for thameselfis and thair burrowis, obliassis thame to refund and pay the superplus to the said toun of Edinburch, or thair thesaurar in

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merkis.

thair name, at quhat tyme the same salbe requyrit. And siclyik giff it salbe fundin that thair beis not restand awand to the said Nicolas, and to the said toun of Edinburgh [so much] as the said sowme of twa thousand merkis, the superplus thairof that salbe fundin restand awand salbe delyverit in the said conventioun to quhome it salbe thocht guid in that assembleie, and the commissionaris of Edinburch, eftir subscriyvand, obleissis thame heirto. And becaus the thesaurar of Edinburch hes alreddy ressavit fra certane of the burrowis thair extentis, sett efter thrie thousand merkis, the saidis commissionaris of Edinburgh obleissis thame that the thrid pairt ressavit be the said thesaurar salbe refoundit agane to thame quha hes maid pament according to the said thrie thowsand merkis, the acquittances of the officiaris, resavaris thairof, being producit and delyverit to the said thesaurar of Edinburgh; and incais ony of the burrowis refuissis to mak pament of thair pairtis of the said tua thousand merkis, all in ane voice grantis and consentis that the letteris, alreddy purchest for payment of the said extent, salbe putt to executioun aganis the dissobeyaris, or vtharis letteris raisit of new, as the said toun of Edinburgh sall think maist expedient; attour the commissionaris in the said nixt conventioun to be auditouris, or nominat sic auditoris as thay pleis, to heir the saidis comptis of Edinburch.

Saling in Flandaris.

The samyn day, efter lang ressoning vpoun the act of parliament maid be King James the Fyft, of guid memory, bering that na viages salbe maid nor schippis saill furth of this realme in the cuntrey of Flanderis, bot twyiss in the zeir, viz., to the Pasche mercat, and Rude mercat in September, all in ane voice vottis and concludis, that the said act of parliament hes bene devysit and set furth for the commoun weill of auld burrowis, and is maist neidfull, alsweill for the commoun policie as commoun commoditie, to be obseruit in all tymes cumming: Thairfoir thay decerne and ordane, that na schippis pas furth of this realme to the saidis pairtis of Flanderis, chargit with hyde, woll, skin, clayth, or siklyik stapill guidis, bot at the termes aboue oppoyntit, vndir the pane of twenty pundis, to be vpliftit and takin of every party transgressand and brekand this presant ordinance, to the provest and ballies of the burch quhair the said transgressor hes his remaning, to be imployit to the commoun weill of the said burch; and this without preiudice of the pane and vnlaw appoyntit for our Souerane Lordis vse in the said act of parliament; prouyd-

ing alwayis that this present ordinance do nocht preiudge the fre merchandis of frie burrowis, to trafique in the saidis pairtis of Flanderis at all tymes convenient, by and attour the saidis twa mercat dayis, with all vtharis waris, (the said stapill guides exceptit), and consentis and grantis that letteris be raisit heirvpoun for vplifting of the saidis panis and vnlawis aboue specifyit.

ITEM, The saidis commissioneris, efter lang ressoning vpoun the ordinances maid for alteratioun of the auld stent rollis, continewis the said alteratioun vnto the xvth day of Iulij nixtocum, in thair conventioun to be haldin at Dundie the said day, and in the meyntyme dischargis all taxatioun and stentis to be rasit vpoun the saidis burrowis befor the said day; and ordanis the commissioneris of Edinburgh to cause produce and be presentit in the said conventioun at Dundie, the principall buik bering the actis and statutis of burrowis, togidder with the auld extent rollis, to the effect that efter advysment thairwith, the said alteratioun may be the mair perfyttle ordanit and sett furth; and incais the saidis commissioneris of Edinburgh failze thairintill, ordanis the remanent that salbe convenit to alter the saidis rollis according to guid conscience; and vpoun that thair alteratioun, ordainis letteris to be raisit to compell the haille burrowis to obey the samyn for the space of thre zeiris nixt thaireftir alanerly, provyding alwayis that this present ordinance be na impediment or defens aganis the taxt sett, and letteris obtenit thairvpoun for vptaking of the twa thousand merkis befor mentionat.

ITEM, Becaus the princes of guid memory hes bene in vse of setting of taxatiounis, and vplifting of sowmes of the haille estatis of this realme, for sic caussis as dois occur for the tyme, to the granting of the quhilkis taxatiounis it is speciallie provydit be the act of parliament that the commissioneris of burrowis or maist pairt thairof, salbe convenit for thair consent to be had thairto. And incais the lyik occasioun heirefter follow-and, the saidis estaitis happin to be burdenit with ony taxatiounis, becaus the necessitie may swa requyre that the tyme may nocht be sparit for abyding vpoun the haille commissioneris off burrowis: Thairfor the commissioneris efter subscriyvand, all in ane voice consentis, grantis, and concludis that the commissioneris of Edinburgh, Stryveling, Lynlythqw, Hadingtoun, and Dundie, Air, Perth, Abirdene, Sanctandrowis, or Coupar, or ony four or sax of thame, with Edinburgh, grant and consent to sic

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taxatiounis as salbe sett for the tyme be the remanent estaitis, for the weill of oure Souerane Lord, and commoun weill of this realme ; and that the stent grantit for the pairt of the burrowis sett without the consent of the said toun of Edinburch the number foirsaid be of na strenth and effect without their presens as said is, thay being dewly requyrit thairto, and being requyrit and refusand to cum to the stent, sett be the vtharis to be sufficient.

Vnlawis.

ITEM, Becaus be the small nombre of commissionaris off burrowis in thair generall conventionis, the principall caus concerning thair estait is ovirsene, diferrit and dilayit, to the greit hurt of thair commoun weill : For remeid quairof, the commissionaris presentlie convenit, statutis and ordanis, that all sic burrowis as hes been sufficientlie vairnit to haif comperit in this present conventioun, or that heirefter salbe vairnit, and hes not or dois not compeir, and in speciall, the burrowis eftir following, that is to say, Dumbartan, Rugling, Dumfreis, Lanark, Iedburch, Selkirk, Peblis, Northbervik, Lawder, Abirdene, Banff, Carreil, Forfar, Brechin, Monros, Elgyn, Culane, Forrest, Narne, Thane, Dysart, Kirkaldy, that of every ane of thame thair salbe vpliftit and tane the pane and vnlaw of x lib., but favouris, to be imbrocht to Iames Ros thesaurar of Edinburgh, for all the townis absent on this syide of Forth, and be Alexander Scrimgeor of Dundie, of all the townis vpoun the coist syide, and benorth Forth. And the said Iames Ros and Alexander Scrimgeor to caus letteris to be raisit for imbringing of the saidis panis and vnlawis, and thay or the commissionaris of Dundie to be haldin to mak payment and ansuer thair of in every conventioun, and to be accusable vpoun thair diligence.

Causis of the burrois.

ITEM, It is statutit and ordanit, that all tymes giff ony frie burch of this realme haif ado in law, the toun of Edinburgh and the haill vtheris burrowis of this realme sall fortife, assist, concur, and supplie thame in thair actiounis lawfull, as neid sall requyre, swa that it salbe fundin that for the inress of amitie, luiff, and commoun welth of thair estaitt, thair lawfull actiounis, liberties and fredomes salbe tender and deir till vtharis, and of the haill fauoris, and supportit as with the glory of God, commoun welth foirsaid, and the law sall aggre ; and becaus of the commoun contraversie and questionis debetable amangis mony of the burrowis concerning thair saidis liberties, quhairby is not only greit hatrent, ungengerant,

contentionis, and stryiff, bot alsua bayth tyme and guidis spendit in the law and vtherwayis ; For remeid quhairof, it is fundin guide be the saidis commissioneris that all actiounis amangis burrowis, not intentit or depending in the law, sall, befor all proces or pley, be proponit in the generall conventionis of burrowis, and the samyn amicable referrit to thrie or four that salbe chosin be commoun consent to decyde thairintill, and the pairtyis oblissit to abyde at thair delyveraunce, without appellatioun or reclamatioun ; and quha that refuisis the iudgis chosin, gevand thair aythis amicable to decyid as said is, but feid or favour, the pairty refusar salbe nocht of that nomber quhais maintenance may iustlie be cravit of the haill burrowis quhen thay haif ado.

ITEM, The saidis commissioneris requiestis the nychtbouris of Edinburgh Sondayis mercat. in the nixt assemblie of the Kirk to the remanent burrowis, desyryng all Sondayis mercattis dischargit at kirkis ; in landwart, as thay ar alreddy in the burrowis. And to that effect to giff command to the ministeris to discharge the samyn at thair kirkis ; failzeand that, the generall kirk be nocht offendit ; that sic vther burrowis as ar greitlie hurt thairby kep thair mercattis vpoun Sondayis, as thay had wont ; and this petitioun being of the kirk obtenit, desyris thair said nychtbouris of Edinburch to caus letteris to be raisit thairvpoun, and vpoun the actis of parliament, discharge all sic mercattis, and the samyn to be delyverit in every burch that is desyrous thairof.

ITEM, To remember to be proponit in the nixt assemblie, giff, for Vnfre townis. releiff of the decayit burrowis, the vnfre townis vpoun the coist syde salbe ressaut into the society of fre burrowis, to beir burding with thame or not.

ITEM, In lyikmaner that it be proponit in the nixt assemblie, giff it salbe for the commoun weill of merchandis that nane be ressaut in gyld Resseuing of gildbrether. brothir bot sic as hes beine, or salbe, prenteissis be the space of zeiris to ane fre merchand, trafiquar of merchandice.

ITEM, The commissioneris foirsaidis ordanis ane wryting to be send to thair conseruator in Flanderis, gevand him thankis for his guid service, willing his continewance in hoip of rewaird, and, forder, to desyir him to be at thair nixt conventioun of Dundie, bringand with him his comptes of his taxatioun grantit to Edwart Lytill and vmquhil George Luiff. And, in the meyntyme, dischargeing all sic dewtie fra ony forther vptaking of the saidis schippis be him or ony vther in his name. Conseruator.

Nixt Con-
vention.

ITEM, The haill commissioneris of burrowis efter subseruyvand, ordanis thair nixt conventioun to be haldin at Dundie, the xv day of Iulij nixto-cum, and ordanis the provest and ballies of the said toun of Dundie to direct thair letteris to the haill burrowis of this realme, aduertising thame of the said day and sett conventioun, willing thame to keip the samyn be thair commissioneris, qualefeit men, merchandis, induellaris within thair townis, instructit with thair myndis of all sic things as dois concerne the merchandis estait, with thair consent to the alteratioun of the auld taxt rollis for relieff of decayit burrowis for certane zeris to cum, with sic vther instructiounis as they sall think needfull, according to the auld ordour. And swa for this present, the saidis commissioneris concludis thair said conventioun, craving continewance of luiff and charitie amangis thame selfis, humble and trew obedience to God and our vndoutit Souerane. And ratifis and approvis all actis made in the conventiounis of befor, be thir presentis subseruyvit with thair handis, as efter followis.

Sic subscribitur,

Nicolas Vdwart.

Mr. Iohnne Prestoun.

Henry Neisbitt.

Alexr. Guthrie.

Robert Forest of Balquhan,
provest.

Williame Norwell.

Iohnne Leishman.

Alexander Scrimgeor.

Iames Fynlasoun.

Adame Hall of Fullair, comisir.
of Ranfrew.

Iohnne Somervell be Alexander
Guthrie.

Nicol Thownis, comisir.

Oliuer Peblis, dene of gild.

George Elphinstoun, ballie.

Iames Flemyng.

Iohnne Lockart, provest of Air.

Iohnne Seytoun, comisir. of
Hadingtoun.

Williame Scott, ballie of Irre-
wing.

Robert Foirestar, ballie of Kir-
kudbryt.

Michaell M'Kracane.

Iohnne Boswell.

Robert Pattoun.

Williame Cudbert, provest of
Innernes.

Mr. Alexander Sybbald, com-
issionar for Sanctandrs.

Alexr. Iamesoun.

Iohnne Iamesoun for Cowpar.

Dauid Persone and Iohnne
Tyrie for Aberbrothok.

Patrik M'Gowane, provest of
Qubithorne.

Moreis Lawder, ballie of Dum-
bar.

Alexander Kay, comissr. of
Lynlytqw.

Decimo septimo mensis Octobris 1575.

THE quhilk day comperit the commissaris vnderwrittin, and brocht with thame thair commissionis, vnder the seillis of thair tovnis, as at the day appoyntit to convene in this burgh of Edinburgh: That ar to say, for the said burgh of Edinburgh, Nicolas Vduart, Iames Ros, thesaurer of the said burgh, and Alexander Guthre, commoun clark, as commissaris thair of; for Sterveling, Robert Forester, provest, and Iohnn Auchmowty; for Dondie, Iames Lovell, Robert Kyd; for Glasqw, Iames Flemyng and George Elphinstoun; for Sanctandrois, Thomas Walwod; for Cowper, Iohnn Jamesoun; for Montros, Robert Clark; for Dumfreis, Harbart Ranyne and Thomas M'Meneis; for Air, George Hamyltoun; for Hadingtoun, David Forrest and Iohnn Seytoun, [the sowter repudiat]; for Linlithqw, Alexander Ka, Nicoll Tovnis; for Wigtoun, Williame Gordoun, Iohnn Martyne; for Dunfermeling, Iohnn Boiswell; for Craill, Iohnn Lesselis, Iohnn Bousy; for Lawder, Gilbert Lawder; for Kingorne, Iohnn Kirkcaldy, Robert Cunynghame, Iames Logane; for Dumbar, Cuthbert Kelly; for Iedburch, the provest commissioun gevin to Edinburgh.

The commissaris abouewrittin, knawing the haille burrowis of this realme to be vnder summondis for non payment of the boulzeoun thir many zeris past, contenit in the actis of parliament, And foirseing the daynger that maye follow thairvpoun gif the mair hastie ordour be nocht taiking with my Lord Regentis Grace: For the mair haistie remeid thair of, they all in ane voce concludis and delyueris that they will delyuer to his grace for thame selues, haille burrowis of this realme, the sovme of ten thousand merkis—the ane half thair of at Whitsonday nixt, the vther half betuix and Mertymes nixt thairefter, for discharge of all thing that may be laid to thair chargis concerning the said boulzeoun for all zeris past and induring owre souerane lordis les age and his regiment. And to mak and geve this offer to his Grace, they nominat thair beluft nychtbour Iames Ross, thesaurer of Edinburgh, Alexander Guthre, commoun clark, Robert Forest, provest of Stirveling, and Robert Kyd, commissar of Dondie, Promesand ferme and stabill to abyde at this direction of X^m merkis, the premisis grantit. Quhilkis personis incontinent past to my Lord Regentis Grace and offerit the saidis X^m merkis for the caussis aboue writtin, and his grace refusit the samyn.

xxvij^o Octobris 1575.

Wryting to the
Conseruatour
in Flanderis.

THE quhilk day, in presence of the commissaris before writin, and maist pairt of the substantious merchanttis of this burch of Edinburch, comperit Maister George Hacquet, conseruitour, and efter lang resonyng in the effaris and troublis presentlie in Flandaris hurtfull to the estait of merchanttis, he proudicit the writing efter following, send to him furth of this realme, frome the last conventioun of burrowis haldin at Striueling—willing the samyn to be ressonit, considerrit, thairefter to be registrat in this conventioun buke, and ordour to be taikin concernyng thair promissis and rewaird thairintill contenit, and to gyf him thair ansuer. The writing beginning this: Rycht honorabill, Efter all hartlie commendatioun in this oure conventioun haldin at Striueling, zour lettir, resauit frome oure nychtbouris the commissaris of Edinburch, the samyn being red and considerrit, we all togidder do acknaulege zour stedable and gude seruice, and do esteme zow thairfor worthye of rewaird, quhilk, God willing, sall be sufficientlie prouidit for zow, and sould haue taikin effect at this present conventioun, gif we had bene of full number or the maist pairt of burrowis convenit. We have set ane new conventioun to be haldin at Dondie, the xvth day of Iulij nixt, at the quhilk day, gif ze may gudelie, we pray zow be with us, nocht onlie for zour awin commoditie, bot for zour counsall to be had in sic thingis as we have ado in the pairtis quhair ze ar; and in the menetye willis zow to tak in gude pairt this dilay of tyme. Ze sall wit that it is iugit be the maist pairt of oure number at this present, that the sovme grantit to Eduard Littill and vmqhill George Lufe is, with the mair, collectit alraddy, as oure nychtbouris of Edinburch wrait to zow of befoir. Quhairfoir we will that na sic dewtie be forther claimit or vptakin of owre schippis, and dischargis the samyn vnto oure nixt conventioun, at quhat tyme we luke for zow, as said is, with zour comptes of the collection. And sua for this present, desyryng zour continuance in gude seruice, the Lord be with zow. Off Striueling this xxvij of October 1574. Et sic subscribitur be zour friendis, the commissaris of burrowis, subscrivrit be the clark of oure conventioun, at oure commandis,—Johannes Graham clericus curie burgi de Streveling, etc.

Die quinto mensis Nouembris j^m v^o lxxv^o.

THE quhilk day the maist pairt of the commissaris of burrowis in this thair present conventioun, haldin at Edinburgh, and begun the day aboue writtin, with the avyse and consent of the multitude of the principall merchandis of the said burgh of Edinburgh,—after lang resonyng vpon the troubilsum estait in Flanderis, quhair sumtyme was thair commoun tred, and now considering the same at this present nowyes abill to be sustenit without the laubouris, paynis, and greit travell of the Rycht honorabill Maister George Hacket thair conseruatour, be quhais avyse and counsall thay have taikin sic ordour at this tyme as maist liklie is to be observed and followit, as at ferther lenth is contenit in certane articles interchangeablie subscriyvit betuix thame and thair said conseruatour, by and attour thair privileges of auld,—and considering his paynis and laubouris to be greit, in respect of the dangerous tymes, as said is, Thay all in ane voce liberally, frielie, and of gude will, grantis, gevis, and disponis to thair said conseruator, for sustenyng of his honorable chairges, ane schilling greit of euery sek of thair gudes that sall aryve within the pairtis of Flanderis, by and attour the twa stures of the sek quhilk is his dewtie of auld; the first payment thair of to be begyn and taikin vp of the schippis and gudes that first sall aryve to the saidis pairtis of Flanderis, and fra thyne to endure to the feist of Witsunday in the zeir of God, i^m v^o thre scoir sevintene zeris, and fra thyne to ceis and expire and be of ane effect, without the new consent of the burrowis of the realme, or maist pairt thair of in maner foirsaid, be had and obtenit thairto. And ordainis the said Maister George to poynd, areist, and distrenzie at his plesour, be himself and his officiaris, thairfoir, sa oft as neid sall requyre. In witnessing heirof the sadis commissionaris and merchantis hes causit this present, autentikly extractit be Alexander Guthre, commoun clark of the said burgh, vnder his signe and subscription manuell, to be delyuerit to the said Conseruatour.

Followis certane articles gevin to the said Conseruator be the saidis commissaris, quhilkis thay adione to him to be obseruit and kept in tymes cuming, for the weill of the haill merchantis of this realme, quhilkis thay ordane him to subscriyve, and the

Conseruitour.

Articles to the
Conseruatour.

said Alexander Guthre to geve him the copy thairof for his warrand.

ITEM, That the said Conseruatour, in quhatsumeuir pairtis of Flanderis within the boundis of his office, quhair it sall happin the merchantis of this realme, skipperis, marinaris, thair schippes and gudes to be in danger, for quhatsumeuir occasion, that he sall, at the vttermest of his powar, travell and mak laubouris for thair ayde and relief, vpon thair resonabil chairgis, according to his accustomat ordour.

ITEM, He sall do exact diligence throw all the pairtis of Flanderis quhair it salbe possibill to him to travell, for tryall of the fals cunzie brocht in this realme, and of the bringaris thairof, sua that the merchantis of gude name and honestie may be dischargit of sclander brocht vpoun thame, and the gilty made knawin, and thair names gevin to oure Souerane Lordis Aduocat.

ITEM, He sall suffer na maner of personis hant nor vse the tred of merchandis in the pairtis foirsaidis, bot sic as ar fre merchantis, knawn to him of fame and honestie, and bringand with thame the testimoniall of thair fredome and licence to saill frome ane frie port or hawin quhair thay inbark, vnder the subscription of the iuge of the port; and that na mairinar, nor na vther, transport ony stapill gudes, nor vther merchandise, vnder pretence of thair awin or vtheris.

ITEM, That he salbe present at the loissing of euery schip be himself or his speciall seruand, for quhome he salbe haldin to ansuer, incais ony forboidin gudes pertenying to merchant, marinar, or ony vther, be found or apprehendit thairintill; the quhilkis gudes he sall keip vndisponit quhill aduerteisement heiroyf, and of the awneris of the samyn, be maid to oure Souerane Lordis Thesaurer or Aduocat.

ITEM, he sall keip, and cause be keipit, all and syndry the actis, statutis, and privileges grantit to oure nation, contenit in his commissioun of auld, and siclike to cause and compell oure said natioun to obserue and keip all the auncient statutis iniunct to thame, for honestie and commendation of this realme.

ITEM, That thair be summer iustice betuix merchant factouris and marinaris, or vtheris to quhome he is iuge, and cause executioun of his decretis be had with expeditioun, but dilay.

ITEM, Incais ony factour appeill frome the iugement of the said

Conseruatour, this factour *to be dischargit be him of all factoury with oure natioun ; and in lykemaner the merchantis dischargit of all haifing ado with him.

ITEM, That the factouris be nocht assissouris, nor sit in iugement with the said conseruatour, becaus commounlie thay ar pairty to the merchantis, and thairfoir, in tyme of neid, he adione with him the maist discreit merchantis, that salbe purgit of affection or particularitie, and vse the counsall of sic, and nocht of the saidis factouris.

ITEM, That the said Conseruatour, be himself, nor nane in his name, by ony foirbodin gudes cummand furth of this realme, bot, according to the actis befor, escheit the samyn, and mak compte thairof as said is; and gif ony sic beis fundin with him or his, to be accusit thairof as brekaris of the lawis and statutis maid be oure Soueranis of gude mynde that restis with God.

Apud Edinburgh xx^o die mensis Januarij 1575.

THE quhilk day, in the convention of burrowis appoyntit to be haldin at this burgh of Edinburgh, the xx^{ti} day of Januar J^m v^c, thre scoir fyvetene zeris, for taking of ordour with my Lord Regentis Grace concerning the boulzeoun, comperit the commissaris of burrowis vnderwrittin, havand with thame thair commissionis, vnder the seillis of thair tovnis, to the effect following : That ar to say, For Edinburgh, Ihonn Arnott, Robert Kar, bailies, Iames Ros and Ihonn Robertson of the counsall, or ony thrie of thame ; for Stirveling, Ihonn Auchmowty and Androw Cowan ; for Dondie, Richart Blythe and Peter Clahillis ; for Perth, Williame Flemyng ; for Cowper, Ihonn Patersoun, provest, and Paitrik Glasfurde ; for Carraill, Williame Annand ; for Anstruther, Ihonn Anstruther ; for Montros, Robert Leighton and Robert Clark ; for Hadingtoun, Robert Nesbet and Ihonn Aytoun ; for Dumbar, Williame Bonkill ; for Dunfermeling, Alexander Nicoll ; for Wigtoun, Williame Gordoun and Ihonn Martyne ; for Kirkcudbrycht, Iames Makecartnay ; for Dumbartan, Ihonn Hardrig ; for Lawder, Andro Lawder ; for Aberbrothok, Dauid Peirsoun.

Vigesimo tertio Januarij 1575.

Commissioun
to compone for
the boulzeoun.

THE commissaris foirsaidis, efter lang resoning vpoun the action of bulzeoun, findis nocht gude to enter in the law with my Lord Regentis Grace concerning the said actioun, bot rather to seik and crave of his Grace sum resonabill composition to be grantit to thame for the said boulzeoun for all tymes bypast and dureing the tyme of his regiment; And to this effect thay nominat the personis following to pas to his Grace, and enter in resoning with him, and to report thair ansuer the morn, viz., Ihonn Arnott, Robert Kar and Iames Ros foir Edinburgh; Richart Blythe and Peter Clayhillis, commissaris for Dondie; Williame Flemyng, commissar for Perth; Ihonn Patersoun and Patrik Glasfurde, commissaris for Cowpar; Ihonn Auchmowty and Androw Cowan, commissaris for Stirveling; Robert Leychtoun and Robert Clark, commissaris of Montros; to quhome, or ony sax of thame, thay geve full power and commissioun for thame selues and the haill burrowis of this realme, with my Lord Regentis Grace, compositioun to mak, sovmes of money to offer, dayes of payment to grant and set, for discharge of the boulzeoun, as said is, and all and syndry vther thingis to do thairanent that thay nicht do thame selues gif thay war present in proper persoun; promesand ferme and stabill, haldand and for to hald, etc.

Vigesimo sexto Januarij 1575.

Granting of
ten thousand
pundis for the
boulzeoun.

THE quhilk day the personis abouewrittin, according to the commissioun gevin to thame, efter lang resonyng with my Lord Regentis Grace, grantis and consentis to geve to his Grace the sovme of ten thousand pundis for discharge of the bulzeoun bygane and during the tyme of his Grace regiment, and in houe of his Grace favouris and manteinance of the libarties of burrowis in tyme cuming, to be payit at the termes following, viz., the ane half thair of at the feist of Witsonday in the zeir of God j^m v^c threscoir saxtene zeris, the vther half at the feist of Mertymes nixt thairefter. Quhilk offer acceptit of his grace, the saidis haill commissionaris ratefeis and apprevis the samyn, and ordanis ane taxatioun to be sett heirfoir, to be vplifted of the haill burrowis of this realme, regalities,

and vtheris, but exception of personis that traffecquis and vsis merchandise. And this taxatioun to be sett efter the chakker and custome rollis of euery burgh, toвне, or sea poirt, quhair trafficquaris hantes or hes thair remaning. And for setting of this extent according to the saidis rollis, knowlege and gude conscience, thay nominat Ihonn Arnott, Robert Kar, James Ros, commissaris for Edinburgh, or ony twa of thame; Richart Blythe, Peter Clayhillis, commissaris of Dondy, or ony ane of thame; Williame Flemyng, commissar of Perth; Ihonn Patersoun, Patrik Glasfurde, commissaris of Cowper, or ony ane of thame; Ihonn Auchmowty, Androw Cowane, commissaris of Stirveling, or ony ane of tham; Robert Clark, Robert Lychtoun, commissaris of Montros, or ony ane of thame; Ihonn Aytoun, Robert Nesbett, commissaris of Hadingtoun, or ony ane of thame. Quhilkis persones salbe sworne the said extent to sett conforme to the saidis custome rollis, thair knowlege and gude conscience, but feid or fauour, and the burding heirop vpoun thame to accept.

Vigesimo septimo Januarij 1575.

THE saidis commissaris, efter lang resoning, as said is, Findis that this extent of ten thousand pundis can nocht gudlie be set at this present in defalt of the custome rollis and custome bukes of the tovnis, burrowis, and portis foirsaidis, and thairfoir continewis this thair convention and forther proceeding hereintill to the feird day of Marche nixttocum; and ordanis letteris to be direct to the haill burrowis of this realme to send thair speciall commissaris, with thair ampill commissionis and custome rollis and bukes, to this burgh of Edinburgh, the said feird day of Merche, for setting of the said extent, and that the provest and baillies of Edinburgh send speciall letteris to all pairtis neidful for keping of the said day and setting of the said extent, with certificatioun to thame that dois nocht compeir the commissaris comperand will sett the said extent vpoun thame for thair pairtis according to thair knowlege and conscience, and will purches and obtene letteris of horning or poynding vpoun the non comperaris for obedience and payment of thair pairtis as they salhappin to be sett; and quhat expensis salhappin the provest and baillies of Edinburgh, or thair thesaurer salhappin deburs in obtening of letteris directing

Burrowis to send the custome bukis for setting of the extent of the boulzeoun.

of missiues or vtherwayes in this actioun, the saidis commissaris obliiss thame and thair burrowis to refund and pay the samyn agane to the said thesaurer of Edinburgh, euery burgh according to thair pairtis, togiddir with the expensis debursit for conveyng the commissaris to the samyn effect, the xvij of October last, and failing theirow, consentis and grantis that letteris of poynding or horning be raisit on thame and thair burrowis for the samyn.

Dondie, Perth,
Abirbrothok—
customis.

The samyn day, anent the actioun debatabill in the law betuix the toвне of Abirbrothok, Dondy, and Perth, tuching the pittecustum of the said toвне of Abirbrothok, the commissaris of the saidis toვნes referis the mater to be decydit at the nixt conventioun of burrowis be the commissaris that salhappin convene for the tyme. In the menetye, the saidis commissaris of Dondy and Perth oblesis thame that na customes salbe acclamit of the inhabitantis of Abirbrothok, and baith the parties askit instrumentis.

Protestatioun
Anstruther.

The samyn day Thonn Anstruther, commissar of Anstruther, askit instrumentis of the acceptatioun of him and his commissioun, and that he glaidlie consentit, as commissar foirsaid, to beir burding with the remanent burrowis in all thair resonabill effaires according to the habilitie of the inhabitantis of the said toвне of Anstruther, and protestit that this his acceptatioun and admission be registrat in the conventioun buke of burrowis, and the extract gevin him thair of autentiklie vnder the signe and subscriptioun of the clark, vpoun his expensis, and Williame Annan, commissar of Carraill disassentit.

Letteris to the
Coronall.

The samyn day the saidis commissaris vnderstanding the seais to be replenischit with piratis and sea revaris, and in speciall with Flessingar and vtheris vnder the Prince of Orange dominioun; quhairfor thay ordaine letteris to be sent to the said Prince, with Captaine Balfour, Coronall, desyryng him to put sic ordour to his pepill as oure natioun be nocht trublitt be thame in tymes cuming, and to will the said Prince to send his ansuer to the provest and baillies of Edinburgh.

Tuching the
pilleing of
schippis.

ITEM, Thay statute and ordanes, and for ane generale law to be keipit in all tymes cuning concludes, that incais ony schippis be pilleitt the gudes saiff sall contribute scatt and loitt for the relief of the personis dampnefeit, bayth schip and gudes according to thair wairing; and gif neid beis, ordainis the magistratis of the pourtis within this realme

quhair the saidis schippis sall happin te aryve, to sett ane scatt and extentt for releif of the personis dampnefeit as said is, and to arreist poynd or comprise the schippis and gudes of thame that refusis for obeying of the said scatt, euery man according to his pairt as he sall be sett, and the samyn ordour to be kepit anent the gudes casten for saiftie of lyfe and gudes vpoun commoun consent.

Robert Ker,
Wilzeam Fleminging.

Ihon Aytoun.

Robert Nysbet be Alexr. Guthrie.

Williamie Bonkle, Commissionar of
Dumbar.

I. Anstruther, Notar Commissar of
Anstruther.

Andro Lauder be Alexr. Guthrie.

Ihonn Auchtmowty for Sterllyng.

Richarde Blyth.

Peter Clayhillis.

*The Conventioun of Burrois haldin at Edinburgh the feird
day of Merche, I^m V^c lxxv. etc.*

APUD Edinburgh, viij^o Martij 1575 :—The quhilk day the commissaris efter subscrivand ratefeis and approvis thair actis and statutis maid in thair last conventioun, haldin at the said burgh of Edinburgh the xxth day of Januar last bypast, and eikis to the aucht personis nominat in the said last conventioun for setting and extenting of the hail burrowis and traffequaris of this realme, for payment of the contributioun of ten thousand pundis grantit to my Lord Regentis Grace, for discharge of the boulzeon, Maister George Iohnnstoun, commisar of Abirdene, and George Elphinstoun commisar of Glasqw. And the saidis hail commissaris taking the burding on thame, for thamselues, thair tovnis, and occupearis thairof, bynds and oblesis thame and thair saidis tovnies to fulfill, obey, and caus be fulfillit, quhatsumeuer stentis or sovmes of money thay salbe sett to be the saidis ten personis or aucht of thame; and ar content and consentis taking the burding on thame as said is, that vpoun this present act and ordinance, letteris executoriallis of poynding or horning be obtentit befor the Lordis of Secreitt Counsall or Sessioun,

Extent x^m.
pundis.

vpoun thame, thair saidis tovnnes, occupearis thairof, and vtheris personis quhatsumeuer, to burgh or land, regalitie or ryaltie, that salhappin to be extenit be the saidis extentouris for the causis foirsaidis, and for the fulfilling, obeying, and keping of quhatsumeuer act or statute it salhappin thame to mak for the causis foirsaidis, and commoun weill of the burrowis of this realme; gevand thame full commissioun thairto, promesand ferme and stabill haldand, and for to hald, all thingis neidfull in the premissis, but reuocatioun or agane calling quhatsumuever.

Fals cunze.

The same day the commisar is foirsaidis, for talking away of the sclander and foull brute raisit vpoun the burrowis of this realme for hamebringing of fals cunzie, and for eschewing of the danger the saidis burrowis ar into for careing away of talloun, flesche, and vther forbodin gudes, contrair to the actis of parliament, hes fund gude and concludis, that ane or ma personis, at the discretioun of the saidis extentouris, be send away to Flanderis or vtheris pairtis, quhair thay sall think gude, for tryall of the said fals cunzie and hame bringaris thairof, as alsua for cersing and trying of the transportaris of the saidis forbodin gudes, vpoun the commoun charges by and attour the said extent of ten thousand pundis; and the saidis haill commisar bynds and oblesis thame to do thair exact diligence for tryell of the saidis offenderis within the boundis of thair iurisdictionis or vtheris places, quhair thay may gett knowlege, and to mak the provest, baillies, and counsall of Edinburgh to be aduerteist thairof with diligence possibill, incais of the absence of the saidis extentouris, and this aduerteisment to be maid betuix and the first day of August nixt.

Followis the names of the saidis extentouris:—for Edinburgh, Robert Kar, Iohn Arnot, baillies, Iames Ros, Iohn Robertsoun, of the counsall, or ony twa of thame; Dondie, Richart Blythe; Perth, for Streveling, Williame Norowell, bailzie; for Glasqw, George Elphinstoun; for Abirdene, Maister George Iohnnstoun; for Hadingtoun, Iohn Carkettill; for Cowper, Patrik Glasfurde; for Montros, Robert Clark.

Acceptatioun of
commissioneris
to sett the ex-
tent of the
boulzeon.

The same day the extentouris present hes acceptit the burding of the setting of this extent on thame, and hes gevin thair aythis, without regaird of thair awin particularis, according to thair knowlege and conscience, to set the samyn, and hes promiseist euery day to conuene be vij houris in the

morning, and remaine quhill x or xi houris, and fra ane efter none quhill iiij efter none, or langer at thair plesour.

The haill commisariss of burrowis foirsaidis, decernis and concludis that the ordour of this extent sall nocht be obseruit in tyme cuming, naither be ane privilege to ony vnfrieman, or ony vnfrie tovne heirefter, and ordainis ane new coventioun to be sett and haldin at the tovne of Dondie, the day of nixttoccum, and the commissaris of Edinburgh to bring with thame the auld extent rollis, for reformatioun of the extentis, conforme to the actis and statutes maid of befoir, and to wryte to euery burgh for tryell of the hamebringaris of fals cunzie, and transportaris of forbodin gudes.

Robert Ker.	Iohne Lowth.
Iohnne Arnote.	Herbert Ranyng.
James Lowell.	Dauid Peirsone.
Maister George Iohnston.	Patrik Glasfurd.
Wm. Norwell.	Iohne Carkettill.
George Elphynstoun.	Robert Pryd.
Richarde Blythe.	George Hamyltoun.
Thomas Anderson.	Robert Pattoun.
Williame Bonkle.	James Mwriesoun.
Thomas Mychell.	Dauid Clark.
Ia Bannatyne.	

Alexander Ka, for Linlythqw ; Iohnn Lindesay for Glasqw ; Alexander Scot for Banf ; Nychole Iaksoun for Renfrew, with oure handis, led at the pen be Alexander Guthre, noter, at oure command.

A. Guthre.

Walter Scot, Wrytar in Edinburgh.	Iamus Twedy.
Robert Cunningaym.	Iohnne Anstruther, commisar.
Robert Clark.	Mr. Williame Broun, Commissar of
Iamis Thayne.	Pittinweme.
Wellzem Gordoun.	

FOLLOWIS the copy of the extent roll, for payment of the sovmes grantit to my Lord Regentis Grace, for discharge of the bulzeoun, for the charges of men to be send in Flanderis, for tryell of the fals cunzie, and for recompance of the expensis debursit and to be debursit for ingathering of the same.

Edinburgh, $\text{iiij}^{\text{m}}\text{ij}^{\text{c}}\text{lxxx}$ lib.	Lanairk, xxiiij lib. xv s.
Dondie, $\text{j}^{\text{m}}\text{i}^{\text{c}}\text{vii}$ lib. vij s. j d.	Peiblis, xxxv lib. xvij s.
Perth, $\text{viiij}^{\text{c}}\text{xxviiij}$ lib. ij. s.	Abirbrothok, xvij lib. vj s. viij d.
Abirdene, $\text{vj}^{\text{c}}\text{iiij}^{\text{xx}}\text{xix}$ lib. xvij s.	Dumbar, xxvij lib. x s.
Air, $\text{iiij}^{\text{c}}\text{lvij}$ lib. x s.	Jedburgh, xxxvi lib. xiiij s.
Glasqw, $\text{iiij}^{\text{c}}\text{ij}$ lib. x s.	Wigtoun, xxvij lib. x s.
Sanctandros, $\text{iiij}^{\text{c}}\text{xxx}$ lib.	Dumbartan, xxvij lib. x s.
Striueling, $\text{j}^{\text{c}}\text{lxxxxij}$ lib. x s.	Kirkeudbricht, xxxv lib. xvij s.
Disart, $\text{ij}^{\text{c}}\text{lij}$ lib. xix s.	Culros, xxvij lib. x s.
Kircaldie, $\text{ij}^{\text{c}}\text{xx}$ lib.	Dunfermeling, xx lib.
Pettinweme, $\text{j}^{\text{c}}\text{xxxvij}$ lib. x s.	Quenis ferrie, xvij lib. vj s. viij d.
Craill, $\text{j}^{\text{c}}\text{xxxvij}$ lib. x s.	Innerkething, xj lib.
Anstruther on the eist syde of the burn, $\text{j}^{\text{c}}\text{xv}$ lib. x s.	Kingorn, xliij lib.
Anstruther on the wests yde of the burn, lxxiiij lib. v s.	Banff, xxvij lib. x s.
Sanctmynanis, $\text{iiij}^{\text{xx}}\text{ij}$ lib. x s.	Forfar, xj lib.
Cowpar, lxvij lib. xv s.	Brichan, lv lib.
Montros, $\text{j}^{\text{c}}\text{xvij}$ lib. v s. vj d.	Wester Wemys, xvi lib. x s.
Erowene, $\text{iiij}^{\text{xx}}\text{xliij}$ lib. x s.	Forres, xxvij lib. x s.
Leith on the south syde of the brig, lxvj lib.	Fersoche, lv lib.
Cannogait and Leith on the north syde of the brig, $\text{vj}^{\text{xx}}\text{xvij}$ lib. x s.	Weik, xxvij lib. x s.
Innernes, $\text{j}^{\text{c}}\text{x}$ lib.	Dornoche, v lib. x s.
Elgene, lxxxij lib. x s.	Abirnethie, v lib. xiiij s.
Bruntiland, xxxij lib.	Kelsow, xxxij lib.
Prestoun and Prestounpanis, $\text{iiij}^{\text{xx}}\text{ij}$ lib. x s.	Dalkeith, xj lib.
Dunfreis, $\text{j}^{\text{c}}\text{lxxxxij}$ lib. x s.	Annan, xj lib.
Linlithqu, lxvij lib. xv s.	Renfrew, xj lib.
Hadingtoun, lxxij lib. ix s.	Quthithorn, xiiij lib. xv s.
Selkirk, xxij lib.	Northbervik, viij lib. v s.
	Lawder, xj lib.
	Narne, v lib. x s.
	Crummatie, viij lib. v s.
	Thaine, viij lib. v s.
	Chanonrie of Ros, vi lib.
	Somma, xj^{m} lib. xiiij s.

xvij^o Martij 1575.

THE quhilk day the commisar is and extentour is foirsaidis, ratefeis and appreis the extent befor writtin, and for collectioun thair of nominatis Mongow Russell, thesaurer, burges of Edinburgh, together with powar to him to dispone thairvpoun, conforme to the directioun ellis gevin and to be gevin to him be the saidis commisar is. And sua for this present desoluis this thair conventioun to the day contenit in the act befor writtin.

Iohnne Arnote.
 Richarde Blythe.
 George Elphinstoun.
 Patrik Glasfurd.
 Iohnne Carkettill.

Robert Ker.
 Maister George Iohnstoun.
 Wm. Norwell.
 Robert Clark.

The conventioun of burrowis, haldin at Edinburgh the xxiiij of Apprile 1577, for suting of redres of the guddis pyllit be the pyrattis of Ingland.

THE quhilk day comperit in the Tolbuyth of this burch of Edinburch, Adam Foullertoun and Iohnne Arnot commissaris for the burch foirsaid, Richert Blythe and Patrik Clayhillis for Dundee; Forster, prouest of Striueling; James Cokburn, thesaurer of Haddingtoun; James Bowsy, for Craill; Andro Lauder for Lauder;

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Tertio Maij 1577.

Sending of
Commission-
aris to England
for staying of
pirattis.

THE quhilk day, George Douglas of Parkheid, provest of the burgh of Edinburgh, Robert Kar, zoungar, Maister Iohnn Marioribankis, Iames Adamsoun, Maister Michael Chesholme, Mungow Russell, Iohnn Arnott, Robert Kar, elder, Adam Foullartoun, Alexander Barclay, and James Zoung of the Counsall; together with Richarde Blythe, Thomas Daudsoun and Peter Clayhillis for Dondie; Iohnn Hacquet, for Kirkcaldy; Maister George Iohnstoun for Abirdene; Robert Forester, provest of Striveling, for Striveling; James Cokburn for Hadingtoun; Androw Lawder, for Lawder; and Iohnn Bowsy, for Craill. Fyndis that Adam Foullertoun be dispeschit with all diligence to England, for suting of redres of the schippis and gudes pilleit be the Inglischmen fra the merchantis of this realme, and that thairfoir thair be ane extent of tuelf hundreth merkis sett to be vplifted of the hail burrowis of this realme, viz: nyne hundreth merkis thairof to be delyuerit to the said Adam, instantlie in hand, for making of his expenssis, and ane hundreth and aucht merkis to pay for ane zeiris interest thairof, according to the raitt of tuelf for the hundreth, and the rest of the said sovme for ingathering thairof. And gif there be ony superplus, mair nor makis the saidis expenssis, the tovne to be ansuerabill thairfoir gif the hail beis ingottin, and ordanis Iames Ross, thesaurer, to aduance the said sovme of nyne hundreth merkis instantlie to the said Adam vpoun the interest fairsaid.

Tertio Februij 1577.

Commission-
aris namis.

THE quhilk day, in the conventioun haldin at Edinburch the day aboue writtin, comperit the commissaris efter following, and producit thair commissionis, Villiam Norwell for Striueling; Iames Ros, thesaurer of Edinburch, Henry Nysebet, Iohnne Arnot, Maister Iohnne Prestoun, for Edinburch; Richert Fyscher, for Dunbar; for Dunfermeling, Robert

Pantoun ; Maister Thomas Forret, for Craill ; for Perth, Dyonece Conqueror, baillie ; Henry Adamsoun, for Dundie ; Alexander Skrymgeour, William Man for Sanctandros ; James Smyth for Linlythqw ; Alexander Kar, Patrik Seller, for Abirdene ; Maister George Ihonnstoun, and the prouest for Glasqw, George Elphinstoun.

xij^o Februarij anno predicto.

THE quibilk day the commissaris befor writin, vnderstanding the cause of this conventioun to be for ordoure to be taikin tuiching the placeing of the stapill in the pairttis of Flanderis, at the desyre of my Lord Regentis Grace, for the caussis contenit in the missivis direct to thame from this burch of Edinburch, xvij^o Decembris, anno predicto. After lang avisement and ressonyng with my said Lord Regentis Grace, and disputatioun amangis theme selues, it is concludit that nocht onlie for the commoun weill of the merchant estait and honestie of the natioun, bot alsua for the bundin dewtie and obedience aucht to oure Souerane Lord, in obseruing of his Hienes lawis statutes and ordinances, maid tuching the careing away of forbodin gudes to the greit hurt and preiudice of his Hienes customes, and commoun weill as said is, that thair be electit and chosin sum speciall man of honestie, gude fame and vnderstanding, to be sentt with ampill and full commissioun to the pairtis of Flanderis, sic as Antuerp, Campheir, Bruges, Berry, Middilburgh, and vther places neidful, to enter in commoning with the principallis of the tovnis foirsaidis tuching the said staipill, and with thir commissionis to tak with thame my said Lord^s Regentis Grace wrytingis in thair fauouris, together with his Hienes instructionis and informationis, and ouris the saidis commisariss, be the quhilkis thay salbe rowlit and ordourit, keping the samyn for thair warrand.

ITEM, that the conseruatour, qha is now present in this realme, becaus he be the authoritie of his office he is knawing to be ane man, abill and qualefeit to be helpful in this actioun, addres him to depairt with the said commissioner, and assist and ayde him be his counsall and credite, for furthering of the purpois in placeing of the said stapill in place maist commodious, and appearand profitabill for the honour of the natioun

and commoun weill of this realme; for the quhill cause it is concludit, statute and ordainit be the commissaris of burrowis foirsaidis, that the augmentatioun of sex stures of the sek grantit to the said conseruatour, by and attour the twa stures of auld, in the moneth of Nouember 1575, continow and indure to be vptaikin of euery sek of all manner of gudes pertening to Scottismen, alsueill cuming from Flanderis as vtherwayes, vnto sic tyme it salhappin the saidis burrowis in generall conventioun discharge him of the samyn. And this present ordinance to tak effect and be obeyit in all poyntis conforme to the said ordinance in Nouember, as said is.

Expensis com-
missioneris to
Flanderis.

ITEM, It is concludit and ordanit that for sustening of the said commissioner that salbe send to the pairtis of Flanderis foirsaidis, thair sall be vplifit and gadderoit the sowme of fourtye pundis greit, in maner as followis, viz:—that samekle be taikin of the sek, bayth of merchanttis guddis and marineris fraucht of euery sek of guddis, quhill the said sowme be payit, or vtherwayis to aggre with sum particular man that will deburse the said sovme, and to gyf him xij nobillis, viz: tua hundreth and fourtye pundis Scottis thairfoir betuix and Witsounday; and further granttis that ane taxatioun be lyftit for payment thairof, and euerye burch to send thair awin pairt to ane of the baillies of Edinburch, and that becaus the saidis commissaris referris the qualificatioun, fame and honestie of the man that salbe send in commissioun to the provest, baillies, and counsale of the said burch of Edinburch.

ITEM, The xvij day of Fabruer, the provest, baillies, and counsale of Edinburch being convenit in thair counsalhous, and efter ressonyng vpoun the qualificatioun of the man that salbe send in commissioun to Flandaris for placeing of thair stapill, thay nominat Nicholace Vddert, merchant, as maist meit, and ordanis him to be furnist for his charges conforme to the ordinance aboue writtin.

*In the parliament haldin at Striueling the xviij day of Iulij
I^m V^c, thrie score aughtene zeris.*

The quhilk day it is concludit be the commissaris of burrois, efter subscrivand, that the procuratioun and power obtenit be Maister George Haquet, conseruatour, vnder the Greit Seill, for establishing of the stapill for the Scottis natioun in Flandaris, salbe presentlie be thame cansellit and brokin. Discharge conseruatour dewtie sax sturis sek.

ITEM, Decernis, concludis and ordanis, that myssiue letteris sall be direct be Edinburch, Dundee, and Aberdene to the conseruatour, commanding him to desist and ceis fra forther vplifting or taikin of the sowme of sex stures of euer ilk sek of guddes grantit vnto him in the last conventioun of burrowis, to endure enduring thair willis, quhilk they discharge be thir presentis; and incais the said conseruatour lift or cause be taikin ony pairt thair of efter he be dischargit be ony of the foirsaidis tovnis as said is, in that cais that he be persewit thairfoir at his nixt hamecuming in Scotland. And gif mister be that he be warnit at the instance of ony person or personis quhome he sall preiuge, in this cais to ansuer according to the act of parliament.

ITEM, Concludis decernis and ordanis that the stapill salbe transported to the tovne of Campfeir, and ordanis Henry Nesbett, burges of Edinburch, to pas with diligence vnto the said tovne, to confer with the magistratis and counsall thair of, and to conclude with thame vpon sic thingis as he sall think gude for the weill of the merchant estait, and to seik the counsall and assistance of my Lord Conseruatour and Alexander Segait to this effect. And quhat the said Henry sall do herein, we bynd and obleiss us coniunctlie and seueralie to hald ferme and staibill be thir presentis. And ordanis the said Henry Nesbett to have to mak ane pairt of his charges the sovme of twenty-four pundis greit, to be vplifted and tane of euerij sek of gudes that sall cum in Flanderis, the sovme of ten stures, quhill the said sovme of xxiiij lib. greit be payit compleitlie; and incais the said Henry be nocht thankfullie payit as said is, or that ony obstacle or impediment be maid to him, or ony in his name, in the ressait thair of, we the commissionaris, efter subscryuand, bindis and obleissis ws coniunctlie and seueralie to pay to the said Henry the sovme of Stapill in the Campfeir. Ten sturis of the sek.

sevin scoir fyve pundis Scottis money, at quhat tyme he or they sall requyre the sam, provyding alwayes the said Henry Nesbett produce the roll of ressait quhat salbe tane fra euery schip, gif ony be.

Appoyntis the last day of October nixttocum to convene in the tovne of Dondie, to foirse sic thingis as salbe found gude for the weill of burrowis.

ITEM, Decernis and ordanis that, in all conuentionis and parliamentis in tyme cuming, all the commissionaris of burrowis salbe convenit be the provest or commissionaris of the tovne quhair they sall convene, and thairefter sall pas altogether to the place appoynted for parliament or conventioun. Et sic subscribitur,

Alex^r Vduart.

Robert Forester, provest of
Sterling.

Oliver Peiblis, dene of gild.

Dioneis Conquerour, baillie of
Perth.

Alex^r Anand.

Alex^r Scryngeour, for Dondie.

Gilbert Menzeis, of Petfoddelis.

Ihonn Lokhart, provest of Air.

Eduard Wallace, baillie of Air.

Iames Cokburn.

Iohnn Aytoun.

Alex^r Chalmer.

Iames Fleschour, commissioner
for Coupar.

Alex^r Carstairs, commissioner
for Sanctandris.

Richart Rutherford, provest of
Iedburgh.

George Halywall, baillie in Sel-
kirk.

W^m Bonkill, commissioner of
Dumbar.

Androw Lawder, commissioner
for Lawder.

Gilbert Twedy, commissioner
for Peiblis.

Thomas Lawder, commissioner
for Northbervik.

Richart Aleson, commissioner
for Iedburgh.

Henry Nesbett.

W^m Annand, commissioner for
Crail.

Dauid Mair.

Hew Campbell, provest of
Irowyne.

This is the trew copy of the wryting producit be Henry Nesbett befor the provest, baillies, and counsall of the burgh of Edinburgh, efter his returning from Stirveling, quhairof he hes the principall himself :—

The copy of the commissioun send and granted to Henry Nesbet, for placing of the staipill in the Campfeir, baith in Scottis and Latene, quhairof the principallis ar sent to him as followis :—

Amplissimis et nobilissimis dominis, consulibus, burgimagistris, scabinis, decurionibus aliisque iudicibus et magistratibus ciuitatis Verensis in Zelandia, amicis nobis charissimis, prepositus, balliui, et consules Edinburgensis ciuitatis, in regno Scotie, salutem, cum mense Iulio proxime preterito in vrbe Striuelingensi haberentur pene omnium huius regni ciuitatum publica comitia, que pro veteri nostro iure et consuetudine et priuelegijs a serenissimis huius regni principibus cuiusque ciuitatis ordini mercatorio concessis, per procuratores (quos burgorum commissarios nominamus) sepius fieri solent, vt de rebus omnibus, que ad rem vtilitatemque et commodum totius ordinis facere posse videbuntur, libere statuunt et concludant, inter cetera, que his comitijs acta sunt de regni emporio in idoneo loco constituendo satis prolixa habita est disputatio tandem vero vestre ciuitatis incidit memoria cuius vetus amicitia inuiolata, ac benevolentia que nobiscum retroactis temporibus cum summa animorum coniunctione intercessit emporium nostrum quod per hos ciuiles tumultus qui totam pene Flandriam iamdiu multumque obnoxiam tenuerunt incertis locis vagabatur in vestram ciuitatem solitam et antiquam sedem magno omnium consensu reuocauit, quo autem id possit commodius perfici, Henricum Nisbet mercatorem conciuem nostrum virum fide et probitate longoque rerum vsu satis commendatum hisce rebus tractarum ablegandum censuerunt—hunc itaque dictarum ciuitatum procuratores seu commissarii nobiscum, vna voce et consensu earum legitimum actorem, factorem, syndicum, commissarium specialem negotiorum gestorem constituerunt, nominarunt et elegerunt ei plenam potestatem facultatem et mandatum speciale concedentes tractandi deliberandi et vobiscum concludendi de hoc publico regni emporio in cuitate vestra constituendo, per id temporis spatium quod in articulis instructionibus seu directionibus hac de re illi datis iniunctis et impositis continetur, atque etiam, vt immunitates libertates et priuelegia nostro mercatorum ordini concessa renouanda postulet, que preterea vobis promissa impetret alique his maiora tutioraque quantum fieri possit addenda procuret sicut is a vobis petiturus est, in eamque rem securitates et cautiones ad certiore pactorum fidem exigat et componat, et in genere vt ea anima dicat agat gerat

et exerceat, ac que ad totius ordinis utilitatem et commodum spectabunt, que ad officia procuratoris actoris syndici commissarii et negotiorum gestoribus de jure pertinere noscuntur, queque ipsimet constituentes plenissima vti fuerant suarum ciuitatum auctoritate instructi presentes agere facere possunt ratum gratum firmum et stabile id omnino habituri quod ab eo in premissis rite gestum fuerit, sub pena et obligatione omnium bonorum mobilium et immobilium presentium et futurorum—Volumus tamen vt is opem consilium et auctoritatem Magistri Georgii Hakkett priuelgiorum nostre gentis in Flandria vindicis et Alexandri Segat ciuis vestri imploret exigat et sequatur quantum publice cause inseruiant. In quorum omnium, etc.

The provest, baillies, and counsaile off the burgh of Edinburgh in Scotland. To the mychtie and nobill lordis, burrow maisteris, judges, and maeistrates of the citie of Campfer in Zeland, willis guid health, For-samekill as in ane assemblee, maid and haldin in the towne of Striueling of the maist parte of all the cities of this realme, in the moneth of Julij last bypast, be thair procuratouris lawfullie constitute to that effect, quhilk ar commonlie callet the commissaris of burrois, conforme to the lawis and priueledges graunted be owre Souerane Loird the Kingis Maiestie to his lieges, callit the estait of merchandis, for reasonyng and concluding wpoun thingis concernyng thair commoun weill, quhair amongis vther thingis quhilk wes resonit, votit, and concludit in the said assemblee, That in respect off the auld freindschip lang and mutuall lowe haid betuix ws the merchand estait, and zow the inhabitantis of the towne of Campfer, to send this owre belouit nychtboure, Henry Nisbet, merchand, com-burges, and induellar of oure towne of Edinburgh, ane man of fame, honestie, and guid name, for placing of the commoun stapill of this realme with zoue in the auld place, quhair it wes of befoir during the commissioun and space thairintill contenit, quhilk hes bene waquant and remouet to syndrie places this tyme bypast, throwe the occasioun of the ciuill tumultis, quhairwyth the maist parte of the cuntrie off Flanderis hes bene thir dyueris zeires occupiit to the hurt of mony; to the quhilk Henry Nisbet, the saidis commissaris and we, all in ane voce, hes grauntet and givin full commissioun, with zowe the judges and magistrates of the said towne of Campfer to reasoun, treitt, and conclude wpoun the placing of the said stapill, and to that effect constitutis, makis, and nominatis

him oure factoure, actor, and speciall erand berar, to quhome we have givin and graunted full and frie power, speciall mandement, and charge, to do, awys, treitt, resone, and conclude the placing, establisshing, and conseruing of the said stapill of the hail merchantis of this oure realme in the cite of Campfer, during the space contenit in the instructionis and directionis givin to him thairupoun, and to desyre all and syndrie the immunities and priueledges graunted to us of befoir, and vtheris to be renewet conforme to zoure promisis to be fulfillit, augmentit as oure said commissioner sall require, and fynallie to desyre caution and all securities for obseruing of the leag and band to be maid betuix ws; and generallie to do, say, vse, and exerce all and syndrie thingis that may redund to the vtilitie of the commoun weill of the merchandis of this realme, and all that to the office of ane procuratour or commissioner of burgh, actor, factor, or speciall erand berar in sic caissis is knawin to appertene, quhilk the saidis hail commissaris of burrowis mycht do gif thai wer present thame selffis, haueand full power to that effect; promissand ferme and stabill haldand, and for to hald, all and quhatsumeuer thingis the said Henry thair commissioner in the premisses thinkis neidfull to be done, takand with him the help, counsale, and assistance of the Rycht Honorable Maister George Hakket, conseruatour and judge of oure nation in the partis of Flanderis, with the helpe off Alexander Segait, zoure citezane, in witness off the quhilk thing, etc.

Instructiones off the thingis to be desyret of the magistrates off the towne off Campfer, for informatioun of Henry Nisbett, commissioner, direct thair for placing of the stapill in the said towne of Campfer, during the commissaris of burrois willis of this realme of Scotland.

ITEM, In the first, to desyre that all priueledges and fredomes graunted to the stapill off Scotland of befoir in the said towne of Campfer, be the Erlis off Flanderis, Dukes of Brabant, Emperor Charlis the Fyft, his sone the King of Spaynie, and vtheris princes in the Low Cuntries, be ratifiet, approwet, and of new graunted, obseruit, and keipit, without violatioun or diminutioun off any pairte thair of.

ITEM, To desyre of new the redressing off thair townis and heidis, and marking off the best deip for the mair assurit entrie of oure schippis.

ITEM, To haue ane place in the hawin for oure schippis to los and ladin in; or at the last, command givin to the key maister to mak place to oure schippis for lossing and ladnyng, noctwithstanding the nummer of fyschearis being in the said hawin, sua that oure merchandis or marinellis haue na occasioun to enter in termes or contrauersie with the fyschearis, and als to se the schoir be weill ordorit and reparit.

ITEM, That ordour be taikin with the customer, that he submitt him self to the iudgment of the judges of the towne, incais of ony variance betuix him and ony of oure natioun concernyng thair customes.

ITEM, That ane lyst be givin to the conseruatour be the customer off the dewtie off all sortis off geir, als reasonabill as it may be procurit.

ITEM, That thair be procurit that ane place be designit for the payment of few custome, als weill for the incummyng of oure schippis as for the guidis bocht in Antuerp in the outpassing, that oure natioun may be fre for anis paying thair custome, and nocht compellit to pay tuys.

ITEM, That oure natioun may be absoluit frome all kynd off conuoy gilt, als in the incummyng as the outpassing, and sicyke for this paying or ony other new toll sett on the guidis; and incais ony new impost or taxatione be put, or heirefter salbe put on the guidis in incummyng or passing furth, that the said towne off Campfer salbe thair procurement mak the samyn fre and releis oure natioun thair of.

ITEM, That ordour be taikin of the warkmen, awneris of sellaris, loftis, pak-houssis, and wyth the skipperis of the schippis and hoyes for transporting of persones or guidis, and that the samyn pas be list and inuentoure, subseruyit be deaconis of thair craftis and the towne, quhair of ane autentik copy salbe givin to oure conseruatour, and that for awayding of all ewill consequence.

ITEM, That guid ordour and competent waiges be appoyntit to the fyschearis and pylatis, incais oure natioun or particular suppost thair of haue to do for inbringing thair schippis outpassing or conuoying about the Ile.

ITEM, That ze awys with the conseruatour, quhither it sall be maist commodious for oure natioun to haue sex houssis appoyntit to thame fre of excis and all impost, alsweill auld as new, or to haue ane hous togidder, quhair thai all sall resort, referring to zour discretioun quhilk

of thai tua salbe best, that ane ordour may be taikin quhat salbe payit for the melteth.

ITEM, That the houssis of the factour, quhairoure natioun sall maist resort, sall be fre from ludging, and in commotatioun of soldiouris or men of weir.

ITEM, That incais ony wariance betuix ony suppost of oure natioun and ane of the towne, or ony of the kingis subiectis, for ony ciuill or criminall caus, that the conseruatour be callit to heir the reasonyng and alledgeance of bayth the parteis, and to give his opinioun, befor definitive be givin out, and that for keiping off preveledges in thair awn integrite.

ITEM, That in criminall actiones betuix the suppostis of oure natioun, the judges handis of Campfeir may be secludit, and the decisioun and punischment thair of reseruit to oure conseruitour, lykas in all ciuill actionis the same is dew to him.

ITEM, That ane place of punischment or presone be appoyntet to the commandment of the said conseruatour, quhairintill he salbe obeyit alsweill for imputting as releiving, and that without ony knowledge or askyng at the baillie of scout, according to the auld custome.

ITEM, That ane honorabill and commodious place, be appoyntit for preching and prayeris, according to the religioun professet within this realme.

ITEM, Becaus off the ewill air within the Iill, ingenerit to the deid and loist of mony of oure natioun, quhilk be apperance sall gretumlie increse, incais the salt pannis in the feir be nocht remowit and taikin away, quhairfor ze sall desyre the samyn to be dimolisit.

ITEM, That it be procurit to impetrat of the magistratis of Antuarp, tua or thre houssis, callit hoist houssis, to be excist fre thair, and to desyre all preveledges to be renewit, quhilk we haue had grauntet be thame to ws of befor, conforme to the commissioun quhilk we haue with zow. Farthir, in thir and all vthir thingis we sall haue to do concernyng the weill and quietnes off oure natioun, we refer to zoure awin judgment, praying zour consult and awys with the conseruatour, and tak his opinioun thairintill. And incais it sall happin, as God forbid, that newe weiris or trublis rys in the cuntrie, it salbe lesum to zoue to depairt thairfra, that the judges and pepill of the towne of Campfer sall

a sist, fortifie, and aid zowe at thair wtter pouer. And siclyk, that giff it sall happin zow to contract with them, that ze keip zowr self sua frie that it salbe lesum to zowe to depairte quhair ze lyk wpoun the occasioun of ewill interteniment, extorciones, or inuiries that sall happin to be done, the breaking of oure priueledges, or ony pairte thairof. Farther and last, we refer to zowr awn discretioun, and the Lord be with zow.

We desyre maist hairtlie, that ze remember, with the assistance of the iudges of Campfer, to procure at the Princes handis the redres of the guidis pylleit be thame of Flissing frome oure nychtbouris Mongo Russell, Allexander Clerk, Allexander Russell, Maister Iohne Prowand, Iohne Henrysoun, Mark Kar, etc. For this purpois we haue send zow the extract of the pace betuix Emperour Charles and ws, quhilk declaris that oure guidis can nocht be lauchfull prys be the ordour off ony waris past.

ITEM, To desyre the towne of Handwarp, be procurement of the towne of Campfer, that oure natioun may haue hoyis for transporting of thair guidis fra Handwarp without impediment or ony regaird haid to thair places or rowmes, and that thai may haue the priuelegd to fraucht hoyes as thai can best aggree, but stop as said is.

The Copey of the Commissioun and Procuratioun giwin be the toun of Campfeir, concerning the stapill their, as followis:—

Nos Consules Scabini et reliqui Senatores Ciuitatis Verensis in Zelandia, etc., notum facimus omnibus et singulis quorum hec scire interesse poterit quod ordinauimus et commisimus Alexandrum Segait illique plenam et specialem auctoritatem dedimus vt nostro et totius corporis huius ciuitatis nomine proficiscatur, et se transferat in regnum Scotie, ibique cum nobilibus et deputatis singularum vrbium senatoribus eiusdem regni agat illisque aperiat et proponat seria et grauia negotia que ad preservationem et salutem huius oppidi spectent in iisdemque rebus prout sua fert opinio suam sententiam pronuncet, omnia secundum illius instructionem illi a nobis ea de causa in scriptis datam, et preterea generaliter et specialiter in agendis negotiis antedictis sese exerceat atque prebeat quemadmodum fidelem commissarium decet, promittentes nos vel vnumquemque nostrum pro firmo et rato habituros vel habiturum quicquid in re predicta a prefato nostro commissario secundum substantiam materie illius instructionis

actum transactum vel resolutum fuerit, idque quantum ad nos nostrosque subditos pertinet fideliter in omnibus partibus exequuturos. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum ad causas predictæ ciuitatis his appendi iussimus secundo die mensis Iunii anno 1578. Et sic subscribitur.

In absentia secretarii subscripsit

J. SMIT.

The Copy of the Instructionis efter the quhilk Alexander Segait salbe reullit in the effaires committit vnto him be the toвне of Campfeir, to entreit or handill with my Loirdis Commissionairis or Deputes of Estaitis of the gude tovpes of Scotland.

ITEM, in the first, he sall present vnto thair wisdomes and gudnessis our maist effectuell comunedationis, with oure offeris of seruice at all tymes, quhensoeuer occasioun sall serue, or quhen we salbe requyrit be thame thairto.

Thanking thame maist hertfullie of thair gude ancient lufe and affection born at all tymes towardis ws, and now as we vnderstand at this present they haue and beris towardis ws, be report of the said Alexander Segait.

Beseking thame that they will continew thair gude will toward ws and oure toвне, the maist mutual lufing affection quhilkis we haif born aither towardis vtheris of auld tymes.

Excusing ws, alsua, that we have na qualefeit persoun of ouris for this tyme to send to thame to be at the dyet of thair assemblie, quhilk we vnderstand to be haldin at Edinburgh in the moneth of Julij nixt 1578, for to intreit with thame vpoun the returning and establisment of thair merchantis of thair stapil within this oure said toвне.

Vtherweyes, to schaw thame that we had na vthir persoun qualefeit amangis ws that was prompt or perfyte of the Scotis langage, except George Kincaid, quha haid sindry tymes of befoir being requyrit be ws to accept the sam charge, hes excusit himself, declaring for syndry his particular busynessis, he mycht nocht wait vpon the said weyage, and he beand for the present in Handwarp, and we nocht certan of his return againe, quhairthrow the weyage of the said Alexander Segait mycht be hinderit, quhilk we desyre to be maist forderit and avancit.

Alsua, we haif thocht gude for the fidelitie

and auld

ancient lufe born towardis ws lyke as we vnderstand he zit beris to ws and quhome we beleve hes na les credit with zour lordschips. Thairfoir fyndis proper and meit that he sall handill and treit with zour lordschips in this effaires, quhilk we pray ze will accept and interpreit to the best pairt. This done, the said Alexander sall cause thair lordschips vnderstand, in the best maner or forme that he can, that the magistratis of the tovne of Campfeir sall do thair devoir and vtter diligence, to the end that the Scotis nation may be mantenit in thair auld ancient privileges, friedomes, and liberties, nocht alanerlie that they had and brukkit of auld tymes, bot alsua that they vsit and joysit the tymes of thair last frequentation heir,—althocht or howbeit ony quarrell or actioun suld happyn or mycht fall betuix ony of the said natioun and subiectis of this cuntrie, atler ciuill or criminall, quhither it be of the effaires or actions criminallis amangis the merchantis of the Scotis nation alanerlie,—bot alsua to promeis thame alsweill for the pairtis of the saidis magistratis, as particularlie for the pairt of the present baillie, to quhais charge the estait and office of the effaires appertenis mair nor vtheris, that nocht alanerlie they salbe confermit or avancit of thair auld ancient rychtis and privelegis vsit heir, bot alsua that they salbe accomodat and helpit in all thingis resonabill heirtofoir rehersit, sua that the honour and ayth of the said baillie and magistratis be nocht violentit nor interest.

Forther, to assure thame that we sall agrie with thame for the place of ane hous for the natioun, of fyve or sax principall houssis of factouris, quhairof we refer the naming or chosing to the discretioun of the commissioneris of thair saidis tovnes, or to the conseruatour and the foir namit George Kincaid, quhither they pleis.

And alsua that we vnderstand and promeis that the saidis houssis salbe exemit and frie frome ludging or intertenyng of ony soldartis or men of weir.

And as tuchyng the friedom of the excyse or ony kynd of imposit, alsweill vpon the wyne as vpon the beir, sall schaw vnto thame that they salbe frie of sic ane quantietie of barrellis according to thair houssis and houshaldis, lykeas the said conseruatour and George Kincaid, together with the Magistratis of the tovne of Campfeir sall fynd convenient for the sam, to the end they salbe contentit with resoun, and greitlie to thank the liberalitie of the said magistrat of Campfeir mon agrie thairfoir, and mak

payment of the samyn to the estaitis of Holland againe to the last penny.

And geve peraventour it suld happin that ony question suld ryse at thair cuming betuix ony merchantis of the said natioun, and the customer of the said tovne, lyk as oft tymes befor hes happynit, assuring thame that we sall laubour so far with the said customer, that he sall submit the said action in the handis of the magistrat of the said tovne of Campfeir, the quhilk we sall nocht suffer on na maner of way that nane of the said natioun, zet nochtyeles of thame sall suffer ony domage, hurt, or evill intertenement. And to the end that they sall knaw quhat they sall pay to the said customer, we sall geve to the conseruatour ane iust copy of the said custome roll.

Schawing thame alsua, that at this tyme, atoure requeist and persute, the ordour is tane with the generall estaitis of the Low Countries for the ressait of the custome of Zeland be provisioun maid within the tovne of Handwarp efter the auld vse and custome.

And geve they desyre or requyre to be excusit fra the paying of the convoy gilt or license, quhilk is very liklie to be done, schaw vnto thame that we ar besy solistand for the exemption of the sam, in the sam maner and soirt lykas the natioun of Ingland hes already, and lykas we vnderstand is aggreit, and as we hald almaist done and endit, awayting daylie foroure commissioner with the octroye or ordinance of the sam.

Alsua, ze may assure thame that the channell entrie or gate of Campfeir is for the present sua gude as ever it was, and, nochtwithstanding, till help and accommodat thame forther, we have putoure tunniss and markis in the said gat, alangis all places neidfull and accustomat.

How alsua we vnderstand surelie ordour to be tane for help of the said channell be laubour of dyking and mending of the heides and bekynnis, in all places neidfull and accustomat.

Augmenting alsua, that we haif procurit that they of Flussing hes taikin ordour of the pylot, for entring and outpassing of schippis at thair tovne; and as tuching otheris, thay salbe helpit and accommodat in all reson to thair contentment.

As for the accommodating of thaim and thair schippis in our tovne and havin, for to help them forther, we sall causeoure awin schippis, and fischaris, and vtheris, to mak thame place.

And gif it suld happin that thay doubt at oure warkmen, maisteris of schippis, or vtheris, wald exaction or tak mare for thair laubouris nor resoun, assure thame that we will nocht suffer the sam on nauyes, how that we ar begvn already and labouring to tak ordour for the sam to be publest and ordanit, of the quhilk, alsua, we sall delyuer ane copy to the sade conseruatour, in sic soirt, that thay sall haif na occasioun to plenzie, and inlykmaner better cheip service nor thay haif bene in vtheris places.

Fynally, in quhat maner of wy we may help, plesour, or benefite the said nation, in generall or particular, that we sall nocht fail to lat thame vnderstand be oure doingis, with als gude hert or will as ever we did plesour or service to ony man in this warld.

Because of the publict exercyse of thair religion, as it is vsit for the present in Scotland, quhilk aucht to be the end and principall of all thingis, thay ar surelie informit and assurit be our letteris send to thame, quhairof thay neid nocht doubt.

And quhairas sum of the nation wald think to conceave unhelsum air of the saltpannis, quhilkis ar biggit and set in ane nuik of the toвне, they sall knaw be experience of thair cuming, that thair is litil reson for the samyn.

And for the occasioun of the saltpannis, thay sall nocht find thameselues to be sua miscontentit, as thay ar persuaded, because thair is bot ane wynde from the north that makis ony reik, the quhilk apperandly blawis north every day. And aboue that, the pannis gangis bot ane season of the zeir. Nochtheles, the natioun beand heir, thay sall zit be accommodat and helpit in sic soirt, that thay salbe contentit with resoun, insamekill that we vnderstand, with litill expenssis and skayth the awner of the saidis pannis may be remedit and helpit; In the quhilk foirsaid, befor the cuming of the said natioun, it can nocht be brocht to effect without skayth, etc. etc,

*In the parliament haldin at Striueling, the xviij of
Iulij 1578.*

THE QUHILK DAY, in the assemblie and conventioun of burrois haldin the said day, It is statute and ordanit be the hale commissaris of burris of Scotland, that thair stapill be placit and sett down in the Campheir, induring thair willis, conforme to thair commissioun and procuratioun granttit and gevin to the richt honorabill Henry Nysbet, thair commissar, and ane of the counsale of the burch of Edinburgh, with the avise and counsale of Maister George Hacquet, conseruatour for the Scottis natioun over all the pairtis of Flandaris. And to this effect ordanis the said Henry and Maister George to mak this present ordinance to be publischt in all the pairtis of Flandaris, and to charge all the Scottis factouris in tha pairtis with deligence to addres thame, togidder with all Scottis merchantis with thair schippis, guddis, and merchandice to the said toun of Campheir, to mak thair exchange and remanyng thair fra the nixt feist of Mychaelmes furch, quhill forther ordour be taikin. And that thair be vpliftit ten stures of euerye sek of guddis pertenyng to the saidis merchantis, to be deliuerit to the said Henry in recompance of his panys, ay and quhill the sowme of tuentye foir pundis greit be payit to him thairfoir. And, gif neid beis, ordanis the said Maister George, thair conseruatour, to waird, poynd, or arreist thairfoir, and mak the names of the dissobeyaris, with thair duelling, knawin to the saidis commissaris in thair nixt conventioun, to be haldin in the toun of Dundee the last of October nixt, that thai may suffer punischement in thair bodeis and guddis for thair dissobedience. And that the saidis Henry and conseruatour be haldin to mak compt, reknyng, and payment of the sowmes thay ressaue, and intromit with na forther fra the said xxiiij li. greit be payit as thay will ansuer.

Conventio burgorum regni Scotiæ tenta in pretorio burge de Dondie, per commissionarios burgorum subscriptes ultimo die mensis Octobris, ac primo tertio quarto et quinto diebus Nouembris anno 1578, etc.

AT quhilk tyme comperit Maister Iohnn Preston and Henry Chairteris, commissioneris of Edinburgh; Alexander Culane, commissioner for Abirdene; Williame Norowell, commissioner for Striveling; Dioneis Conquerour, commissioner for Perth; Walter Guthre, commissioner for Montrois; Charles Drummond, provest, and James Hamylton, baillie, commissioneris for Linlithqw; Harbart Ranyng, commissioner for Dumfries; Iohnn Ayton, commissioner for Haddington; Williame Bonkill and Williame Kelly, commissioneris for Dumbar; Williame Hey, commissioner for Elgyne; Iohn Lathreische, commissioner for Dysart; Williame Annan and David Ramsy, commissioneris for Craill; James Anderson and James Fleschour, commissioneris for Cowpar; Iohnn Traill, commissioner for Forfar; James Ramsy, commissioner for Abirbrothok; Iohnn Hakket and Iohn Lowdan, commissioneris for Kirkcaldy; Thomas Lawder, commissioner for Northbervik; and Alexander Scrymgeour, William Forester, and Peter Clayhillis, commissioneris for Dondie; be virtu of the seuerall burghis commissionis aboue speceifeit, speciallic onstitute, convenit for thair dewfull and trew obedience to oure Souerane Lord the Kingis Grace, and for the commoun weill of the estait of the burghis of the realme of Scotland, hes concludit, maid, statute, and ordanit, as efter followis, etc. :—

Alteratioun of
the taxt rolles

In the first, Forsamekill as the alteratioun and change of the auld taxt roll hes bene concludit vpon in dyueris conventions of the estait of burrowis, to the effect that the dekyit burrowis may be releuit, and the importabill chairges be stentis and taxations be the burghis inressit in riches be proces of tyme, according to equitie and gude conscience. And specially in the convention haldin at Striveling the xxv day of October 1574 zeris, it was concludit, statute, and ordanit, alsweill with consent of the commissioneris of the burgh of Edinburgh, and the remanent of the commissioneris of burrowis than being present, that the auld taxt

roll suld be alterit and changit at the nixt convention of the saidis estatiss to be haldin in the burgh of Dondie, and the commissioneris for the said burgh of Edinburgh to bring with thame to the said convention the saidis auld taxt rollis, to the effect the samin mycht be alterit, and equalitie maid for releif of the deokayit burrowis, in maner aboue writtin, and to endure for the space of thre zeris, or quhill new occasion of the reformation of the said taxt rollis war offerit. And gif the commissioneris of Edinburgh failzeit in bringing of the said auld taxt rollis to the effect abouewrittin, that it suld be lesum to the remanent commissioneris of vtheris burrowis to be convenit at Dondie, or ony sax of thame to be electit and chosin be voit of the saidis commissioneris, to alter and change the said auld taxt roll, as the said act at mair lenth proportis, quhilk suld haif tane effect and executioun befor ony vtheris materis had bene handelit at this present conventioun; bot in respect that the saidis Maister Iohnn Preston and Henry Charteris, commissioneris for Edinburgh, declairit panielie that they culd on nawayes at this present obtene the saidis ald taxt rollis, and that be reson of the proclamatioun maid for the raid of Iedburgh and Dumfreis, quhairthrow they supponit na present convention suld haif bene within this burgh, and als thair clark quha hes the saidis rollis in keping wes haveye vexit with infirmitie at thair departing fra Edinburgh, sua that the said roll culd nocht be had. And the saidis causis being fund resonabill, the saidis commissioneris now convenit, alsweill of Edinburgh as vtheris, hes all in ane voce concludit, statute and ordanit, that the auld actis preceding, and speciallie that quhilk was maid at Striveling the day foirsaid, the said auld taxt roll suld be alterit and reformit at the next convention to be haldin at the burgh of Cowpar in Fyfe, the saxtene day of Marche nixttocum, and that the commissioneris of the said burgh of Edinburgh to bring with thame the said auld taxt rollis to be alterit and reformit, in maner foirsaid. And for the alteratioun and reformatioun thair of, the saidis commissioneris convenit hes electit and chosin thair honorabill nyctbouris efter following: to wit, the said Maister Iohnn Preston, commissioner for Edinburgh; Alexander Culane, commissioner for Abirdene; William Norowell, commissioner for Perth [Striveling]; Walter Guthrie, commissioner for Montros; Iames Fleschour, commissioner for Cowpar; Iohnn Ayton, commissioner for Haddingtoun; and Patrik Clayhillis, commissioner for

Dondie, or ony sax of thame that sallhappin to be present at the said nixt convention. And gif thir personis foirsaidis, or ony of thame, beis absent at the said nixt convention, the first person contenit in ilkane in the saidis burghis commissions as saidis elected sall supplie the place of the saidis absentis, and proceed to the said alteratioun and reformatioun of the said auld taxt roll, and that alsweill vpon the copy of the said auld taxt roll now had be the commissioneris of Perth and vtheris burrowis, as vpon the said auld taxt roll itself, gif it war presented and raised be the commissioneris of Edinburgh, without all forther dilay renouncing all cause or allegiance that mycht be maid in the contrair; and all the saidis commissioneris be thir presentis consentis that the Lordis of oure Souerane Lordis Counsall direct letteris of horning vpon the said new taxt roll to be maid in maner foirsaid, for obedience thairof, vpon all burrowis within this realme, siclike as was directed of befor vpon the said auld taxt roll.

Anent the
chairgis gevin
to burrowis to
pas to Wairden
and Lieuten-
nent raids.

ITEM, It is concludit and ordanit that ane supplicatioun be maid and gevin in to the Kingis Grace and Lordis of Secreit Counsall be the commissioneris of Edinburgh, Dondie, Sterveling, Perth, and Lynlythqu, concerning the charges gevin to the burghis of this realme to pas to Wairdan or Lieutennend raidis expres aganis the privileges of burrowis, and thair accustomat liberties in the tyme of King Iames the Fyft and his maist nobill progenitouris, quhen the saidis burrowis war frie of all sic raidis, and onlie subiect to pas quhair the Kingis awin proper persoun past himself, or quhen the haill body of the realm war chairgit to pas aganis forain ennemeis, and to seik remeid thairin.

Anent the vn-
frie townis.

ITEM, It is statute and ordanit, that in respect of the act of parliament maid for discharging of all tovnis vnfrie using the traffique and libertie of frie tovnis, in the quhilk act there is na payne nor penaltie maid aganis sic personis as contravenis the samyn, and zit, nochtwithstanding of the said act, thair is dyueris tovnis in the coist syde and vtheris that handlis and vsis the libertie and friedome of frie burrowis. Thairfoir at the nixt parliament, or at oure Souerane Lord and Hienes Counsall that ane penaltie or payne be maid aganis all thame that occupeis vniustlie, as said is, the libertie and friedome foirsaid, to be execute but fauouris, be reson the saidis burghis ar nocht onlie privilegat be the King oure Soueranis maist nobill progenitouris, bot alsua ar subiect to all taxationis, imposi-

tionis, and chairgis for the commoun weill of the realm, quhairof the saidis vnfrie tovnis ar frie and delyuerit.

ITEM, It is statute and ordanit, that in respect of the greit hurt sustentit be the frie burrowis of this realme in halding of oppin merkatis at landwart kirkis vpon the Sondag, quhilk is baith aganis the law of God and actis of parliament, that the burrowis hurt and adjacent to the saidis landuart kirkis rais letteris of the lordis aganis the inhabitantis of the tovnis quhair sik merkatis ar haldin, and als vpon the personis that bringis ony geir to be sauld thairat, to be callit at particular dyettis and pvneist for thair demerites for breking of the saidis actis of parliament, and that letteris may be gottin fra the Kingis Grace and Lordis of Secreit Counsall nocht onlie to dischaarge the saidis merkatis simpliciter, bot alsua to confiscat the gudes that salbe apprehendit in the saidis mercatis, the ane half to oure Souerane Lordis vse, and the vthir half to thame that puttis the letteris to execution, and that the executionis may be producit befor the commissioneris of burrowis at ilkane of thair conventionis, that na diligence be omitted quhill the fynall abolesing of the saidis merkatis.

ITEM, It is statute and ordanit that na merkat be haldin vpoun the Sondag in na frie burgh within the realm of Scotland according to the act of parliament, and quhat burgh or toвне that contravenis this present ordinance the burgh failzeing sall pay ten pundis sa oft as they failzie, and the samyn to be triat, and the payne to be collected be the dene of gild of Edinburgh of all burghis and tovnis fra the watter of Foirth, and be the burgh of Cowpar in Fyfe, betuix the watter of Forth and Tay, and be Dondie fra Tay to the watter of Die, and be Abirdene fra Die in all the north pairts, and that thay send thair executionis and diligence at the nixt convention of burrowis, together with the money collected, to the effect the samyn may be applyit at the sicht of the saidis commissioneris, and letteris to be raisit aganis the burrowis contravening this present ordinance, that the samyn may be put to execution but fauouris, etc.

ITEM, It is statute and ordanit that the act maid of befor cōcerning the vniformatie of all pitte-customes lifted within the Kingis Maiesties frie burrowis of this realme be put to executioun, and that the commissioneris of Edinburgh bring with thame thair taibillis of pittiecustomes

Sondag mercats.

Anent Sondag mercats.

Tables of pittie-customes of burrowis.

the nixt convention to be haldin at Cowpar the day foirsaid, with the quhilkis the saidis commissioneris of Edinburgh ar content.

Outland bur-
gessis.

ITEM, They ratefie and appreve the act maid for charging of burgessis remanand without the burgh to resoirt to the toвне thay ar maid friemen within fourty dayes nixt efter thair chairge, vnder the payne of tynsall of thair fredomes, and that the said act be put to executioun immediatlie.

Ratificatioun of
certane acts
preceding.

ITEM, Ratefeis and appreis the actis efter following, and ordanis the samyn to be put to execution with all diligence, to wit, the act maid of the concurrence and assistance of ilk frie burgh in thair defence of thair privilege; als the act anent the taking of vnfriemenis gudes vnder the cullour of their awin, and handeling and traffecquing thairwith.

Conseruatour:
dewteis dis-
chargit.

ITEM, It is statute and ordanit, that the conseruatour in Flanderis be dischargit simpliciter of ony vptaking of ony dewtie fra the Scottis schippis thair arryvand, alsweill he is dischargit of the vplifting of the sax stures of the sek.

The burrowis
to convene be-
fore ilk parlia-
ment.

ITEM, It is statute and ordanit, conforme to the act maid at Striveling tuiching the convention of burrowis, that quhairever the parliament is haldin, or convention of the nobilitie or estaitis of the realme, that the provest of the burgh quhairin the samyn is haldin sall mak aduerteisment to the remanent burrowis or thair commissioneris thar being present, that thay may convene together and pas to the parliament or convention for vttering and declaring of thair materis concerning the commoun weill of thair estaitis.

Ten thousand
merkis for
Perth brig.

ITEM, The saidis commissioneris be thir presentis consentis that the act of parliament maid at Striveling tuiching the vplifting of ten thousand merkis for support of the brig of Perth, be obeyit and vplifted as efferis.

Nixt conven-
tioun at
Cowpar.

ITEM, This convention being concludit and endit, the commissioneris foirsaidis hes appoynted thair nixt convention to be haldin at Cowpar in Fyiff, the saxtene day of Merche nixttocum, and ordanis the said burgh of Cowpar to direct thair missives to the remanent hail burrowis of this realme for making of thame dew and lawfull wairning to compeir the said day and place, specialie for reformatioun of the auld taxt rollis and vther materis concerning the Kingis obedience, and weill of burrowis; and what burgh failzeis to compeir salbe poyndit immediatlie for the soyme of ten li.

In witnes of the quhilk thing the saidis commissioneris hes subscriyuit thir presentis with thair handis. Extractum de libro statutorum dicte conuentionis per me Alexandrum Wedderburn scribam communitatis dicti burgi de Dondie sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus. Et sic subscribitur.

A. WEDDERBURN.

Apud Dondie, tertio die mensis Nouembris, 1578.

THE QUHILK DAY the commissioneris of burrowis in thair conventioun presentlie haldin in the burgh of Dondie, hes all in ane voce concludit the staipill of the haill merchandis of this realme resoirtand to the pairtis of Flanderis be estaiblescht in the toвне of Campfer, according to the commission granted to Henry Nesbett, burges of Edinburgh, at the last parliament to that effect, and in to na vther place, quhairvpon Maister Iohnn Preston and Henry Charteris, commissioneris for Edinburgh, askit actis and instrumentis. Extractum de libro statutorum dicte conuentionis per me Alexundrum Wedderburn scriba communitatis dicti burgi de Dondie sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus. Et sic subscribitur.

Staipill in
Campheir.

A. WEDDERBURN.

At Cowpar, in the convention of burrowis haldin thair the xxiiij, xxv, xxvj, xxvij, and last dayes of Februar, the zeir of God, I^m V^c lxxvij zeris, comperit the commissioneris vnderwritin of the burrowis of this realme be thair commissionis vnder thair commoun seillis, and pairt thair of vnder the subscriptionis of the common clarkis thair of, off quhome thair names efter followis: Edinburgh, Maister Iohnn Preston, Iames Ros; Striveling, Williame Norowell; Dondie, Iames Forester, dene of gild, Peter Clayhillis; Glasqu, Gawine Grahame; Perth, Dioneis Conquerour; Sanctandris, Williame Ferry; Cowpar, Schir David Lyndesay, hone provest, Alexander Iameson, Iames Peterson; Innernes, Williame Baillie, George Ros; Dum-freis, Harbart Ranyng; Air, Robert Campbell, baillie; Lynlithqu, Androw

Kar; Hadington, Iohnn Aytoun; Dunbar, Maureis Lawder, Williame Bonkill; Forfar, Iohnn Traill; Breichan, Robert Kynair; Rugling, Daudid Spens, baillie; Northbervik, Iohnn Spens; Montros, Walter Guthre; Aberbrothok, Iames Ramsay; Kirkcaldy, Iames Littilihon, Iohn Lowdon, Pettinweme, Iohnn Carsaw.

Alteratioun of
the taxt rollis.

THE QUHILK DAY, Forsamekill as in the conventioun of burrowis haldin be the commissioneris thair of in the tovene of Dondie, the last day of October, the first, secund, thrid, feird, and fyft dayes of Nouember, 1578 zeiris, it was statute and ordainit that in the conuentioun of burrowis, to be haldin in the burgh of Cowpar the nixt day, that the taxt rollis of the burrowis of this realme suld be alterit and reformat in sic soirt that the dekeyit burrowis of this realme decrest in substance suld be empairit and diminischit, and the vther burrowis thair of inressit in substance to be augmentit in the saidis rollis; and to the effect the samyn mycht be alterit, they have ordainit the commissioneris of Edinburgh to bring with thame in the foirsaid nixt convention the auld taxt rollis of the burghis of this realme to the effect foirsaid; and for alteratioun of the saidis rollis, the saidis commissioneris convenit in the foirsaid convention haldin at Dondie, hes electit thair honourabill nychtbouris efter following:—Maister Iohnn Preston, commissioner for Edinburgh; Alexander Culane, commissioner for Abirdene; William Norowell, commissioner for Striveling; Dioneis Conquerour, commissioner for Perth; Walter Guthre, commissioner for Montros; Iames Fleschour, commissioner for Cowpar; Iohnn Ayton, commissioner for Hadington; and Patrik Clayhillis, commissioner for Dondy; or ony sax of thame that suld happin to be present in the said convention to be haldin in Cowpar, and gif ony of the saidis personis war absent in the foirsaid convention, in that cais the first person contenit in ilk ane of the thrie burghis commissionis elected as said is, sall supplie the place of the absentis, and proceid to the alteratioun of the saidis rollis, as the said act at lenth proportis; conforme to the quhilk, comperit the said Maister Iohnn Preston, commissioner for Edinburgh, and hes producit the auld taxt roll of ane hundreth pundis to be collectit of the haill burrowis of this realme, vnder the subscription of Alexander Guthre, commoun clark of Edinburgh, quhilk the said Maister Iohnn declairit vpon his conscience the samyn to be the trew extract of the principall taxt roll foirsaid, quhairvpon they devyde the haill

extentis and taxationis vpoun the burrowis of this realme, quhen taxationis occurris and ar imposit vpoun the burrowis of this realme, and thairupon asket instrumentis. And the said Maister Iohnn Preston, commissioner fairsaid, Williame Norowell, Dioneis Conquerour, Walter Guthre, Iohnn Ayton, Patrik Clayhillis, and Alexander Jameson commissioner for Cowpar, present in place of the said Iames Fleschour, be reson of the commission of Cowpar and absence of the said Iames, quhilkis commissioneris fairsaidis of the burrowis aboue rehersit respectuie, acceptit reformatioun and alteratioun of the saidis taxt rollis vpoun thame in presence of the haill commissioneris fairsaidis, and hes maid fayth to do the samyn lealelie and trewlie conform to thair knowlege; sua that they efter lang avysement thair be thame thairanent, haifand God and gude conscience befor eis, hes altogether refformit the saidis rollis, as they ar particularie vnderwritten vpoun ilk burgh in speciall vpoun the sovme of of ane hundreth pundis to be tane and collected of the haill burrowis. And this reformatioun to stand for the space of thre zeiris nixt heirefter following, and ay and quhill the samyn be new refformit and alterit be the commissioneris of the burrowis appoyntit and convenit to that effect efter lawfull aduertisement maid to the haill. And the saidis commissioneris hes assignet for collection of ilk hundreth pundis of tax fairsaid thretty schillingis and ane penny, and quhatsumeuer taxatioun salbe heirefter leimated and ordainit to be tane of the burrowis of this realme, the samyn to be stentit be Edinburgh conforme to the said new refformit roll, and vpoun na vtheris; and that oure Souerane Lordis letteris of horning directit vpoun the said new taxt roll for obedience thairof, as was ever at ony tyme directit vpoun the auld taxt rollis.

The alteratioun of the taxt roll, alterit and refformit at Cowpar, the penult day of Februar, the zeir of God 1578, be the commissioneris of burrowis of this realme appoynted thairto, and of the sovme of ane hundreth pundis money to be collectit of the haill burrowis of this realme.

Inprimis, Edinburgh with Kingorn	Rugling, viij s.
and Innerkething, xxviij li.	Air, iij li. viij s. iij d.
Striveling, xlvj s. vi d.	Irrewing, xxviij s.
Linlithqu, xxiij s. viij d.	Glasqu, xliij s. vj d.

Rothsay, x s.
 Dumbarton, xvij s. ix d.
 Ranfrew, xx s. iij d.
 Laneark, xvj s. ix d.
 Jedburgh, xxij s.
 Selkirk, xij s. vj d.
 Peiblis, xv s. j d.
 Hadingtoun, xl s.
 Northbervik, v s.
 Dumbar, viij s.
 Lawder, viij s.
 Dumfreis, xxxvij s. vj d.
 Abirdene, ix li. ix s.
 Dundie, xj li. xvj s. viij d.
 Perth, vj li. xvj s.
 Banff, xij s. vj d.
 Dunfermeling, xvj s.
 Craill, xxx s.

Kirkcudbrycht, xvj s.
 Wigtoun, xvj s.
 Quhithorn, xvj s.
 Forfar, x s. j d.
 Breichan, xxx s.
 Montrois, xliij s.
 Elgyne, xxvj s. viij d.
 Innernes, xxx s.
 Abirbrothok, xx s.
 Sanctandros, iij li. x s.
 Cowpar, xxxv s. vj d.
 Culane, vj s. x d.
 Forres, xvj s. ix d.
 Nairn, vj s. x d.
 Thayne, x s. j d.
 Dysart, xxx s.
 Kirkcaldy, xx s.
 Pittinweme, xij s. iij d.

Summa totalis, ane hundreth ane pundis ten schillingis ane penny, and this ane pund ten s. ane penny for the collection thair of. Et sic subscribitur.

Maister Iohnn Preston, commissioner for Edinburgh.

Peter Clayhillis, commissioner for Dondie.

Dioneis Conquerour, commissioner for Perth.

Wm. Norowell for Striveling.

Walter Guthre, commissioner for Montros.

Ihoun Ayton, zounger, commissioner for Hadington.

Alexr. Iameson, commissioner for Cowpair.

J. ANDERSON.

Tikket of mer-
 chantis cum-
 mand to Cam-
 pbeir.

THE QUHILK DAY the saidis commissioneris statutis and ordanis that thair be ane wryting directed be the toвне of Edinburgh to the toвне of Campfeir, that ilk merchant within this realme that arryvis thairin produce to the said Conseruatour ane tikket vnder the subscription of the dene of gild, baillie, or clark of the toвне that thay sail furth of, testefeing thame to be frie merchantis and gild brethir, and quha dois

vtherweyis, the Conseruatour to intromet with thair geir thair present, escheit the samyn, as ane vnfriemannis geir.

And ilk persoun merchant of this realme bring with thame ane tikket vnder the subscription of the dene of gild, baillie, or clark of the tovne, they ar frie burgesses and gild brethir and induellaris in the tovne quhair of they resave the said tikket, to be presented be thame befor the magistratis of the burgh or tovne they sail furth of, and quha dois nocht the samyn to be haldin as vnfriemen, and stoppit and debarrit fra the schip they pretendis to sail in.

ITEM, That thair be na commissioner direct furth of the burgh to the parliament or convention of burrowis, bot sic as ar frie merchantis and gild brethir traffecquaris thairin as ane frie merchant, and quhat burgh directs ony vtheris, the commissioner contenit in the said burghis commission to be repellit fra the societie of the remanent of the commissioneris of the saidis burrowis, and the burgh directar of thame to be pvneist thairfoir at the discretion of the remanent of the commissioneris of the saidis burrowis, and nocht to be admitted in societie with thame quhill they be of new ressaut in the fauouris of the remanent burrowis.

ITEM, That na merchant within this realme, vnder the pretence of colour of dissimulatioun, tak in company with him ony vnfriemennis geir, nocht gild brethir, to be sauld or interchangit be him to the vnfriemen, nocht gild, and quha that dois vtherweyis, to be haldin as periure and defamit, and neuer to bruik office in the tovne they ar frie in.

ITEM, Ordanis ane article to be maid to the parliament to be haldin in Striveling the x day of Merche nixttocum, that na woll be transportit furth of this realme for the space of thre zeris nixt efter the dait heiroy, nor zit ony butter, naither Orknay nor meil butter.

ITEM, To desyir the act of parliament to be put to executioun anent the fischeris quhilk slayis fische vpon the coistis of Scotland, and that thay sell nocht the samyn bot to frie merchantis of this realme.

ITEM, That ane speciall supplicatioun be directed to the King and Lordis of his Hienes parliament be the commissioneris of burrowis to be convenit thair in Striveling the day foirsaid, for desyring of reformation to be put to the sersouris vpliftand ane extraordinar dewtie of x s. of ilk chalder of salt passing furth of this realme, to the greit hurt and preiudice

Commission-
eris to parlia-
ment to be frie
burgessis.

Colouring vnfrie
guids.

Woll, etc., trans-
porting.

Fische.

Sercheouris:
dewty of Salt.

of all oure Souerane Lordis lieges, quhilk dewtie they onlie apply to thame selues.

Sercheouris :
forbiddingguids ITEM, To desyre in the said parliament that remeid be socht aganis sersouris quhilkis ouerseis the forebodin wairis of this realme, to be transported or careit furth of the samyn, and that ane penaltie be maid vpon thame quhilkis takis brybis or rewairdis for the said ouersicht.

Merchant to
Norway with
schone, etc. ITEM, To desyre that na stop nor impediment be maid to sic personis of this realme as passis to Noroway with schone, salt, malt, or lynning clayth, for hamebringing of tymmer, bot they to be frie to transport the saidis wairis thairto.

Inglis clayth. ITEM, To be rememberit to be proponit in the said parliament that na person in this realme bring hame Inglis clayth furth of England to this realme to be sauld thairin, becaus the samyn is ane greit hurt to the realme, and is the occasion of mony vagabund wemen to pas ydill thairin for laik of woll, laubouring and making of clayth.

Fals litt. ITEM, Ordanis euery burgh within this realme to tak ordour anentis thame quba hantis the litting of fals litt, sic as blew brissell, ochart litt, or ony vther fals litt, quhilk is ane greit hurt and dessait to the Kingis lieges, and thairfor the committeris thairof to be pyneist at the discretion of the magistratis of the burgh they are tane in.

New impoistis
in France. ITEM, To desyre the tovne of Edinburgh in all thair names ane supplicatioun to the Magistratis of Deip in France, desyring reformatioun of the new impoistis raisit vpon the lieges of this realme arryving thairait, quhairthrow they ar compellit to pay to the pylatis and vther customaris sic extraordinar chairges within the samyn as ar to the greit hurt of the treddaris thair, and to crave remeid thairanent.

Dags and
hakbuts. ITEM, To propone in Parliament that thair be na dagis nor lang hakbutis worn within burgh, vnder sic payne as salbe thocht gude be the Kingis grace and Lordis of Parliament.

Wechts. ITEM, That all burrowis within this realme haif thair wechtis, sic as stane, half stane, pund, and half pund, the trone wecht, according to the stane of Laneark, to be maid of bras, and markit with the tovnis stamp of the burgh the samyn is in, and that na person by nor sell ony geir with ony vther mesour nor that quhilk salbe maid of bras; And that uniuersally throw the baill burrowis of this realme, euer ilk trois wecht keip the iust wecht of xvj vnces for the pund, conforme to the Frenche

wecht, and that the Magistratis of euery burgh put this present ordinance to execution betuix the dait heirow and the first day of September nixtocum. And quhat burgh failzeis thairin to pay x li. toties quoties.

ITEM, That ilk burgh within this realme haif thair furlotis and mesouris conforme to the staine of Linlithqu in all soirtis, and that na maltman haif nor vse ony half boll metis, except they be brokin and markit with the tovnis mark quhairin the samyn is, vnder the pyne of x li. Furlots and mesouris.

ITEM, This convention being concludit be the commissioneris foirsaidis, hes appoynted thair nixt convention to be haldin in Glasqu the xxiiij day of Februar 1579 ; And ordanis the said burgh to direct thair missives to the remanent burrowis of this realme for making of dew and lawfull wairning to thame to compeir the said day and place for treitting vpon sic thingis as tend to the glorie of God, dew obedience of oure Souerane Lord, and estait and weill of burrowis. And quhat burgh failzeis to compeir to pay x li. In witnes of the quhilk thing the saidis commissioneris hes subscriyuit the samyn with thair handis as efter followis. Nixt convention to be at Glasqu.

Mr. Ioⁿ. Preston, commissioner for Edinburgh.

James Ros, commissioner for Edinburgh, with my hand at the pen led be Iohnn Guthre notar at my command. Ita est Ioannes Guthre notarius de mandato dicti Iacobi scriberi nescientis ut asseruit teste meis signo et subscriptione manualibus.

James Forrester, commissioner for Donde.

Peter Clayhillis, commissioner for Dondie.

Dioneis Conquerour, commissioner for Perth.

W^m. Norowell, commissioner for Striveling.

Gawine Grahame, commissioner for Glasqu.

D. Lyndesay, commissioner for Cowpar.

Alex^r. Iameson, commissioner for Cowpar.

Walter Guthre, commissioner for Montrois.

Followis the Actis and Statutis maid at Striueling the fytt day of August the zeir of God I^m. V^c. threscoir nylene zeiris. The commissioneris of burrois convenit in the Tolbuith of the same, quha concludit and deliberit vpon the articles following, in maner as is efter declairedede.

Conventioun
befoir the
parliament.

IN the first, The commissioners of burrowis presentlie convenit aggreis and voitis that thair be new meitting and conuentioun of burrois commissioneris in quhatsumeuer place it salhappin the nixt parliament to be haldin in, fyve days befoir the first day of Parliament, to the effect deliberatioun may be tane vpoun particularis of burrois.

Campheir:
salt pannis;
loist mailles.

Secoundlie, It is aggreit that the prouest, baillies, and counsale of Edinburgh write effectuouslie to the toun of Campheir anent the demolischeing of the salt pannis thair of sa far as thai ar troublisome, as alsua tuiching the loist mailles, and werkmen quhairin diuers ar extortionat be the tousting vsit vpoun thame be thair compromit maid thairanent.

Conseruatour:
ten stuiris, and
compt thair of.

As alsua write to Maister George Halket dischargeing him of receaving of the ten sturis of the seck in all tyme heirefter; and likewayis that he bring himself, or send be his commissioner, his comptis sen the last receaving of his commissioun, and that betuix and the xv day of October nixt-toecum.

Frauchting of
schippis.

Thridlie, It is aggreit that the toun of Edinburgh, prouest and baillies thair of, tak ordour anent the payment of frauchting of schippis, and thai to preseryve the same as they think maist expedient.

Feirdlie, It is votit that commissioun be grantit to ane or tua of Edinburgh, or tua of Dundee, Peirth, Striveling, Abirdene, to tak ordoure anent the vsing of the excise beir and wyne in Campheir.

Articlis following remittit to the nixt meting of burrois.

ITEM, Forsamekill as be the exhorbitent toust of marineris and schipmaisteris of guidis imput in schippis not of tun mesour, nor that be the same the fraucht may be payit, ordour is to be tane thairin the xv day of October nixt. And in the menetyne the commissioneris present to

report the discommoditie thairof to thair nychtbouris and haue thair aduise agane the said day.

Anent the supplicatioun gevin in be the prouest, baillies, counsale, and communitie of the burch of Edinburgh, makand mentioun that it is nocht ^{Nichtbouris of Edinburgh} ^{quha wes im-} ^{prisonit.} unknowin how thair was sevin nichtbouris of Edinburgh put and detenit in waird vpoun materis concerning weilfair of burrois, and in speciall concerning the bolleheoune, and thairfoir desiring the mater may be resonit amangis the assembleie present, that thair menis expenssis maid in thair wairding may be rembursit, as the supplicatioun beris, the commissioneris convenit remitts the ansuer heirof to thair nixt conventioun; and in the menetyme ilk commissioner to confer with thair nichtbouris as efferis.

Ferder, Remittis the suplication direct be Alexander Segat tuiching ^{Minister in} ^{Campheir.} the uphald of ane minister in Campheir to the nixt assembly as said is.

Followis the namis of the commissioneris for the burrois efter declairit, covenit day and place foirsaidis.

Gilbert Dik, baillie for Edinburgh.

Henrie Nesbet.

Henrie Charteris.

Alexander Scrymgeour, baille, Dundee.

Dioneis Conquerour, Perth.

Andro Balfoure, Sanctandrois.

Gawane Grahame, Glasgw.

Thomas Murray, Striviling.

Williame Norwell, Striviling.

Andro Buke, Abirdene.

Williame Stewart, Air.

Schir David Lindesay of Mounth,
Cowper.

Iames Flescheour, Cowper.

Charles Drummond, prouest, Lin-
lithgw.

Robert Raning, Drumfreis.

Moreis Lauder, Dumbar.

Thomas Lauder, Northbervik.

Iames Cokburne, Hadingtoun.

Robert Sempill, Dumbertane.

Hew Campbell, Irving.

Hew Neuen, Irving.

Adame Moffet, baillie, Peiblis.

Gilbert Tuedie, Peiblis.

Robert Waus, Innernes.

Dauid Brintoun, Lanark.

Rolland Mwir, Lanark.

Iohne Traill, Forfar.

Iohne Ramsay, Carreill.

Robert Cuik, Pettinveyne.

Iohne Barclay, Pettinveyne.

This is the iust copie of the proceedingis in the assembleie befoir writtin, collationat be the principall, subscriueit be me, Iohne Muschet, clerk thairto, witnessing my signe and subscriptione manuall. Et sic subscribitur.

I. MUSCHETT.

Followis the actis and statutis maid be the commissioneris of burrowis assemblit to the Parliament haldin at Edinburgh in October 1579, as alsua the articles gevin in be thame thairto.

FOR Edinburgh, with commission seillit and subseryvit, Alexander Clark, provest, Henry Nesbett, baillie, and Maister Iohnn Preston; Perth, Dioneis Conquerour, Williame Flemyng; for Dondie, with commission, Alexander Scrymgeour, Peter Clayhillis; for Craill, Williame Bowsy, Williame Annand, with commission; for Striveling, Thomas Murray, baillie, Robert Alexander, dene of gild, without commission productit; for Dumbar, Williame Bonkill, commission schawin; for Abirdene, Gilbert Meinzeis, provest, Williame Meinzeis, his brother, and Alexander Rutherford, baillie, without commission schawin; Sanctandros, Maister David Russell, without commission; Hadingtoun, Iames Cokburn, and Williame Broun, baillie, but commission; Cowper, David Patersoun, without commissioun schawin; Pettinweme, Maister Thomas Beinston, without commission, and William Bowsy, commissioner for Craill, protested this the said Maister Thomas' admission suld nocht preiuge thame in thair liberties; Forfar, Iohnn Traill, without commission schawin; Elegene, Iohnn Annand, provest, but commissioun; Dumfreis, Harbert Ranyng, Archibald Makbrair, provest, but commission; Laneark, the auld Laird of Carmichaell, but commission; Irewing, Hew Campbell, provest, but commission; Dumbarton, Iohnn Hardrig, without commission; Glasqu, George Elphinston, Williame Cunynghame; Linlithqu, Chairles Drummond, provest, Andrew Ker, clark, thairof; for Abirbrothok, Adame Peirsoun; for Northbervik, Thomas Lawder; for Dunfermling, Robert Pawton; for Air, Edward Wallace.

Dondie vnlawit
for putting
thair provest in
commissioun.

The samyn day the commissioneris of burrowis abouewrittin, being con-
venit in the Nether Tolbuyth of the said burgh of Edinburgh, all in voce
fyndis the toвне of Dondie suld pay ane vnlaw of fourty pundis
for contravening of thair act maid at thair convention in Cowper in
Februar 1578, anentis the election of thair provest, the tutour of Petcur,

nocht beand ane merchant trafficuar, in commission at the convention haldin at Striveling in August last bypast.

The samyn day Alexander Scrymgeour, commissioner for the said Protestatioun
commiser Don-
die. tovene of Dondie, in name thair of protested the act abouewrittin suld tak na effect, insofar as the commissioneris now convenit for the maist pairt hes schawin na commissioun to treitt vpoun the effaires of burrowis, bot onlie war convenit to the Parliament.

ITEM, The saidis commissioneris statutis and ordanis that zeir lie at the Jedge maisteris feist of Michaelmess, quhilk is the ordinar tyme of the electioun of officiaris in burrowis, thair be elected and chosin certan jedge maisteris at every sea point within this realme for setting of all gudes nocht of tun mesour, and the jedgis of euery burgh and sey point to be conforme to the jedge of the burgh of Edinburgh, to quhome they geve full commission to mak the samyn. And the jedge maister to have for jedging and setting of euery tun jedgit and mett be him tuelf penneis, quhair of the ane half to be payit be the skipper, and the vther half be the awner of the gudes.

ITEM, Anentis the desyre of the commissioneris of Glasqu, desyrit the Desyre of heip-
itt mettis be
Glasqu. heipit mettis uniuersalie to be reformat, and that ane Act of Parliament war maid thairvpoun, sua that all fourletis, pekis, and vther mesouris war maid of the lairgnes of the heipit mett, to be straikit and nocht heipit; Fyndis the mater of sic importance, and the tyme sua impertinent for this present, as at this tyme na resolutioun can be had thair of, continewing alwayes the samyn to thair nixt conventioun.

ITEM, It being proponit be the commissioners of the burgh of Edin- Expensis
nychtbouris of
Edinburgh. burgh that the answer to be gevin to thair supplicatioun presented befor the commissioneris of burrowis last convenit in Striveling, anentis the rembursement of thair nychtbouris chairges sustenit be thame the tyme of thair imprisonment in the Palace of Linlithqu, Dern of Monteith, and Dumbarton, for defence of the commoun cause of burrowis, and in speciall the boulzeon, the tyme of the Erle of Mortounis government, was continewit to this present conventioun, as ane act maid thairvpoun proportis; Concludis that at the nixt conventioun of burrowis quhilk is to be in Glasqu the xxiiij day of Februar nixt, resolute ansuer salbe gevin to thame thairanent, and promesis euery ane for their awin pairt, thatt thair commissioneris to be sentt to the said convention salbe sufficientlie in-

structed to that effect, and have speciall commission thairto; and this becaus the commissioneris now assemblit, in defalt and negligence of the commissioneris convenit at Striveling, nocht being aduerteist be thame, brocht na commission to determyne thairvntill.

Extentt to be sett for rem-bursing of the money avancitt be Edinburgh in the burrowis names to Adame Foulertoun.

ITEM, Efter lang resonyng with ane act producit befor thame be the saidis commissioneris, quhairby it was ordanit that Adame Fullerton suld be dispeschit with all diligence to Ingland for suting of redres of the schippis and gudes pilleit be the Inglismen fra the merchandis of this realme, and that for making of his chairges thair, thair suld be ane generall extent of tuelf hundreth merkis sett to be vplifted of the haille burrowis of this realme, viz., nyne hundreth merkis thairto be deluerit than instantlie to the said Adam for making of his expenssis as said is, and ane hundreth and aucht merkis to pay for ane zeris interest thairto, according to the rate of tuelf for the hundreth, and the rest of the sovme for the ingathering thairto; as the samyn insert in counsall buke of the said burgh of Edinburgh, extractit furth thairto be Alexander Guthrie, common clark, vnder his subscription of the dait at Edinburgh the thrid of Maj 1577, proportis. The saidis commissioneris for the maist pairt fyndis the tovne of Edinburgh debursaris thairto suld be rem-bursit thairto, and that the said extent suld be sett and vplifted with diligence of the haille burrowis of this realme conforme to the tennour of the said act to that effect. And the commissioneris of Perth, Sanctandros, Cowpar, Dumbartoun, and Dumfreis dissassented to the making heirof.

The commissioneris present continewis the resonyng vpoun the placing of thair estaipill in Flanderis into thair nixt convention, to be haldin at Glasgu the day abouewrittin, and promesis that the commissioneris to be direct to the samyn salbe sufficientlie instructit and haif commissionis to that effect to se all things promesit be the iuges of Campfeir be obseruit, and ordanis the tovne of Edinburgh to wryte to the conseruatour to be at the said conventioun.

Alex^r Clark.
Henry Neisbett.
Alx^r Scrymgeour.
Robert Alschindir.
George Elphinstoun.

James Cockburn.
Williame Browne.
Maister David Russell, dissas-
senting to the penult artikle.
Eduard Wallace.

Hew Campbel.
Thomas Lauder.
Dawid Peirson.

Williame Bonkle, commissioner
of Dunbar.
H. Ranyng, of Drumfreis.
Rolland Mwir.

Followis the actis, statutis, and conclusioun, maid and taikin ^{Glasqw.}
at Glasqu, in the convention and assemblie of burrowis
haldin thairat, the xxiiij, xxv, xxvj, and xxvij dayis of
Februar, 1579, be the commissioneris thair of vndir writ-
tin, quha presented thair commissionis pairtlie vnder
thair commoun seillis, and ane vther pairt vnder the
subscriptions of the common clarkis of the saidis bur-
rowis, of quhome the namis followis :

Edinburgh, Henry Nesbett, baillie, Henry Chairteris; Air, George Lokkart, George Cocheran; Cowper, Dawid Philp, thesaurer; Irowyne, Hew Campbell, provest, Gawane Nasmyth; Craill, Dawid Ramsay; Lynlithqu, Androw Kar; Striveling, Robert Alexander; Perth, Dioneis Conquerour, Maister Patrik Quhytelaw of Newgrange; Laneark, Dawid Bryntoun, Williame Wilkene; Ruglene, Dawid Spens; Dondie, Alexander Scrymgeour, baillie, Richartt Blythe; Hadington, Robert Nesbett, provest, Alexander Symson; Dumbartan, Maister Williame Houstoun; Glasqu, George Elphinestone, Williame Cunynghame, baillies; Peebles, Gilbert Twedy, thesaurer; Dumbar, Maurise Lawder, Williame Kelly; Abirdene, Williame Menzeis; Sanctandros, Maister Dawid Russell; Pettinweme, Stevin Martyne; Ranfrew, Adam Hall, Patrik Jaksoun.

The quhilk day, comperit Iohn Wyce, burges of Glasqu, and producit ane commission to compeir for the tovene of Wigtoun, and desyrit to be admitted commissioner for thame, quhilk desyre the hail commissioneris abouewrittin thoct nawayis resonabill, and repellit the samyn, becaus he was na burges of the said tovene of Wigtoun, and that thair comperit na burges thair of thairwith instructed be thame, and thairfoir the said tovene was vnlawit as absentt.

Commission-
eris: Wyce,
Wigtoun.

Commission-
eris: Dunfreis,
Misiwe.

The samyn day, comperit Nicoll Palmer as ane messenger direct be the baillies and communitie of Dunfries, and presented ane letter of ratification of all thingis to be done in this present conuention to be concludit on, subscriuit be thair commoun clark, quhilk the commissioneris accepted, bot nocht as ane commission.

Protestatioun
Commissioner
Craill.

Siclike, comperit Stevin Martyne, and producit ane commissioun fra the baillies counsall and communitie of Pettinweme, and desyrit to be admitted as commissioner for thame, quhome the haill commissioneris foirsaidis, together with his commission, admitted, without preiudice of the burgh of Craill, and the action intended and dependand betuix thame, presentlie befor the Lordis of Sessioun: And David Ramsay, commissioner for Craill, protested thatt the recept of the saidis commissioner of Pettinweme and his commission suld nocht preiuge thair richt or priuelege, nor zit the action dependand betuix thame thairupoun befor the Lordis of Session, becaus, as he allegit, Pittenweme was and is within the boundis friedome and libertie of Craill, and heirvpon askit instrumentis.

Ratificatioun,
Dondie, Perth,
of the act maid
in Striveling.

Alsua, comperit Alexander Scrymgeour and Richart Blythe, commissioneris for Dondie, and ratefeit and apreuit the act maid at Striveling in the convention of burrowis haldin thair the xxv of October, 1579, bering that quhatsumeuer contention beis betuix burrowis concerning thair liberties salbe proponit in generall conuention of burrowis, and referrit to certan to be chosin be thame thairfoir, as in the said act at lenth is contenit; And lykewyis Dioneis Conquerour and Maister Patrick Quhytelaw, commissioneris for Perth, ratefeit and apprevitt the samyn, and thairupoun the saidis commissioneris of Perth take note with provision thatt the said ratificatioun, maid be thame of Perth, preiugit thame nocht touching the prioritie of thair place, albeit they be second in ratification as said is.

Protestatioun,
Striveling.

The samyn day, Robert Alexander, commissioner for Striveling, protested thatt quhatsumeuer thing beis done or decernit betuix the burghis of Dondie and Perth tuiching the second place of burrowis clamit be ather of thame, preiugit nocht Striveling and the privilege it hes to the second place of burrowis, and thairupoun askit instrumentis.

Dondy, Perth.

ITEM, Forsamekill as be act of parliament maid at Edinburgh in October last, the question and debait betuix Perth and Dondie anent thair place in parliament was referrit to the decision of commissioneris of burrowis, to be decydit at this convention now in Glasqu, and efter lang

resonyng thairwith be the saidis commissioneris, it was ernstlie requestit be thame, in respect of the wechtie materis now to be treittit tuiching the weifare and libertie of the haill burrowis, that the saidis commissioneris of Perth and Dondie suld tak vp, in hoip of concord, the said mater, and all vther materis debatabill and questionabill betuix the saidis tua burrowis, sua thatt perpetuall amitie may heirefter remane amangis thame : At the quhilk ernst requeist, and for the causis fairsaidis, the saidis commissioneris of Perth and Dondie hes obeyit, and the saidis haill commissioneris hes continewit thair conclusioun thairin quhill thair nixt convention, with consentt of pairtis as the mater standis now, butt preiudice of the act of parliament thairanent, and ather of thair rychtis ; And thairfor the saidis commissioneris of Perth hes promiseist to cawse thre honest induellaris, gild brethir of the samyn tovne, to cum to the kirk of Raitt on the Wednisday immediately preceding Palme Sunday nixt, and inlyke wayis the saidis commissioneris of Dondie hes promiseist in lykemaner to cause thre honest men induellaris, gild brethir of thair tovne, to cum on the said day to the said kirk of Raitt, and the saidis thre, or twa of thame, on ilk syde, as the counsallis of the saidis burghis sall think expedient, to accept the decision of the saidis materis on thame, together with ane ouerisman to be chosin in this maner : thatt ather Dondie sall cheis fyve burgessis, induellaris within seuerall burghis, of quhilkis Perth salhave the chois of ony ane of thame, or giff it happynnis Perth to nominatt the fyve men, Dondie to have thair chois of ony of the saidis fyve men to be ouerisman as they salhappin to agrie vpoun,—twa tikketis to be put in ane hatt, the ane to contene fyve mennis names, and the vther nane, and quhilk of the tovnis gettis the tikket contenand the names thatt tovne sall nominatt the men, and the vther tovne salhave thair chois quhilk of the fyve men they will cheis to be ouerisman for thame baith, and the iuges and ouerisman to decreitt thairanentt as they sall agrie, within sic space as they sall appoynt at thair meting ; provyding the wryting of the names of Perth or Dondie in this present act preiuge nane of thame in the prioritie of thair places clomit.

The commissioneris fairsaidis hes with ane consent promiseist to pas altogether to Striveling in proper personis, at the leist for euery tovne ane commissioner, and Edinburgh twa, to geve thair ansuer to the Kingis Maiestie, to his Hienes petitionis, and to pas furth of this tovne of Glasqw on Sunday nixt, the xxviiij of Februar instant, to be thair

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ing of sic as
cumis nocht to
Striveling.

that nycht, God willing, ilk toвне presentlie conuenit vnder the payne of twenty pundis.

Auditouris,
Extentt, Boul-
zeoun.

The commissioneris foirsaidis hes maid creat and constitute Henry Nesbett, baillie, Henry Charteris, commissioneris of Edinburgh, Richart Blythe in Dondie, George Lokkart in Air, George Elphinestoun in Glasqu, Moreis Lawder in Dumbar, Robert Nesbett provest of Hadington, and Alexander Symson, commissioneris and procuratouris to pas to Edinburgh, and thair to persew crave and sute Mungow Russell for compte rekning and payment, to be maid be him to the burrowis of the superplus and rest of the extent of the boulzeon gatherit and collected be him, and immediatlíe to pas to that effect furth of Striveling and performe the samyn, with power to substitute procuratouris, and als to thame to propone and agrie thairupon, and to geve dischargis of thair ressait in ample forme, and thair expenssis to be tane of the superplus of the said compte, and the rest that happynis to be recouerit to be furthcumand to the haill burrowis, and brocht in to thame at their nixt convention ; provyding thair expenssis exceid nocht twenty pundis.

Dumbar, Had-
ingtoun.

ITEM, The commissioneris foirsaidis hes found the toвне of Hadingtoun hes transgrest the act maid at Striveling, the xxvth of October 1579, in persewing the towne of Dumbar befor the Lordis of Sessioun, nocht being first menit or complanit on in the conuention of burrowis, becaus they baith be thair commissioneris war present at the making of the said act ; and thairfoir the haill commissioneris of burrowis present, with consent of baith the saidis burrowis contendantis, hes depute and chosin thir personis following, viz : Henry Nesbett, baillie of Edinburgh, James Olephant, Iohnn Wilsoun, Henry Chairteris, burgessis of Edinburgh, or ony twa of thame, as iugis for Hadingtoun ; and Maisteris Robert Glen, Iohnn Prestoun, Frances Lynton, and Iohnn Arnott burgessis of Edinburgh, or ony twa of thame, iuges chosin for Dumbar ; and incais of variance, with power to the four iuges, acceptaris, to cheis ane odman and ouerisman, and to decyde vpoun the questionis mouit betuix ather of the saidis tovnis, and specialie concerning the contentis of the twa lybellit summondis raisit be aither of thame aganis vtheris befor the Lordis of Sessioun, hinc inde, as salbe contenit in clames. And the saidis iuges to convene in Edinburgh vpon the ix day of Merche nixt, and to decern thairanent betuix and the xx day thairefter, with power to the saidis iuges and ouerisman to prorogat for aucht dayes nixt

thairefter. Provyding incais the provest, baillies, and counsall of Hadington condiscendis vnto this present compromit, and aprevis the samyn, the haill commissioneris of burrowis present absoluis thame fra the penaltie for breking of the said act maid at Striveling, vtherwayis baith the saidis pairties contentantis to be frie for persute and defence of thair summondis, hinc inde, as they ar intended, and as they mycht haif done befor this present act making, and in that cais the tovne of Hadington to incur the penaltie of the act maid at Striveling, and the haill burrowis to tak pairt with the vther pairty conforme thairto, etc.

ITEM, The haill commissioneris of burrowis presentlie conuenit hes ratefeit and apreuit, etc., the act maid in the conuention of burrowis haldin at Striveling the xxvth of October 1574, bering thatt all commoun contrauersies and questions debatubill, and actions amangis burrowis concerning their liberties, salbe, befor ony proces or pleyis, proponit in the generall conuentioun of burrowis, and the samyn amicable referrit to thre or four that salbe chosin be common consent to decyde thair-intill, as in the said act at mair lenth is contenit, quhilk they ordane to be obseruit inuiolablie in all tymes cuming; that the thre or four to be chosin to decyde the contrauersies betuix the burrowis contendand salbe chosin be consent of the maist pairt of the commissioneris present at the conuentions quhen they sall occur, albeit the pairties contendand consent nocht thairto, and als that the pairtie contravenar of the said act, by the paynis contenit in the actis ellis maid, sall pay of penaltie to the pairtie willing to abyde at the samyn the sovme of ane hundrith li. money, for coistis skaythis and dampnages sustenit and to be sustenit thairthrou.

Anentis action-
is in burrowis.

ITEM, The commissioneris of Hadingtoun dissassented fra the appoynting of the said sovme of penalty that it preiuge thame nocht, and thairvpoun askit instrumentis.

Protestatioun,
Haddingtoun.

ITEM, Anent the complaynt gevin in be Hew Campbell provest, and Gawine Nasmyth, commissioneris of Irowyne, first gevin in to the Kingis Grace and Lordis of Secreit Counsall, and thairfra remitted to be decydit in this present conuention, tuiching the abuse of the taxatioun and stent roll making within the tovne of Irowing, alleging the samyn to be sett in quarteris of the tovne, nocht having respect to thame that has the gudis thairinto, as in the said complaynt was at mair lenth contenit. The haill commissioneris of burrowis present having consideratioun thairof, and

Extentt Irow-
ine.

avysing thairwith, ordanis quhen ony taxationis salhappin to occur that the said tovene of Irowing suld be stentit and taxt, and ane taxt roll maid thairof, conforme to the vse of vther burrowis, to wit, the provest, baillies, and counsall thairof sall cause and depute certan suorn men of the tovene to taxt euery ane within the samyn according to their habilitie.

Protestatioun,
Houston com-
missioner
Dumbartan.

ITEM, Maister Williame Houston, commissioner for Dumbartan, protested that the said ordinance be nocht preiudiciall to the said burgh of Dumbartan anent thair vse of stenting, and thairupoun tuke note.

Laneark, Rug-
lene.

ITEM, Anent the complaint gevin in be Dauid Bryntoun and Williame Wilkyne, commissioneris of Laneark, aganis the provest, baillies, and counsall of Ruglene, comperand be Dauid Spens thair commissioner, committed be thame in making of ane greit nomber of cuntrie landwart men, nocht duelland nor willing to duell within thair burgh, burgessis and frieman with thame, as was at large contenit in the said complaynt; the hail commissioneris of burrowis present, having consideratioun of the complaynt, ordanis the provest, baillies and counsall of Ruglyn to cause varne and charge all and sundrie personis quhome they have maid fremen, nocht duelland within thair tovene, to cum, duell, and remane within the samyn within fourty dayes efter they be chairgit thairto, with certificatioun gif they failzie that they salbe put furth of thair rollis, thair fredomes tynt down, and to have na privilege nor libertie in thair burgh be thair fredome in all tymes thairefter; and to repourt thair diligence and decreitis aganis thame to the nixt conuention of burrowis, vnder the payne of ten lb. And in tyme cuming ordanis thame to receave nor admitt na burgessis bot according to actis of parliament and lawis of burgh.

Continuatioun
anser to the
inhabitantis of
Air.

ITEM, Anent the supplicatioun gevin in be George Lokkart, for himself and Iohnn Lokkart, Robert Chalmer, Eduard Wallace, and George Kennedy, burgessis of Air, desyring suppoirt and contributioun for the greit expenssis maid be thame in mantenance and persute of thair privilege tuiching the chesing of thair prouest and bailies aganis the Schiref of Air, as in the said supplicatioun is at mair lenth contenit. The hail commissioneris present ordanis ilk commissioner now presentt to declair and oppin, euery ane to thair nychtbouris respectiue, and repourt thair ansueris, and be fullie instructed quhat they will do thairanent at the nixt convention of burrowis.

ITEM, It is statute and ordanit be the hail commissioneris of burrowis present, that the provest and baillies within euery burgh, fra Glasqu west, quhair ony salmond keilling or vther fisches ar pakkit, sall diligentie vesie and se thatt the barrellis and treis quhairin the saidis fisches ar pakkit be of iust mesour, conforme to auld vse and wont, and the samyn to be bryntt or markit with the mark of thair tovne; and thatt all fisches that ar to be saltit be weill and sufficientlie salted, and the samyn veseit be the office men in euery tovne, to quhome it apertenis, or salbe appoynted thairto be the provest, baillies, and counsall thairof, vnder sic paynis to the transgressouris as the provest baillies and counsall sall appoyntt.

Act for seing
all fisches be
weill pakkit
and of gude
bind.

ITEM It is statute and ordanit be the hail commissioneris of burrowis present, for execution of the actis of Parliament granted to the libertie and privilege of burrowis, and concerning the privilege gevin to the provest and baillies of burrowis within thair awin iurisdiction, that the saidis provest and baillies sall cause execute the saidis actis, conforme to the tennour of the samyn, and to be ansuerabill thairfor in euery conventioun of burrowis, as they salbe accusit thairupon, vnder the payne of twenty pundis.

Putting of
Actis of Parlia-
ment to execu-
tion.

ITEM, The hail commissioneris of burrowis presentlie convenit, at the requiest and desyre of the Kingis Maiestie, continowit and supersedit, as they continow and supersedis, all proceeding aganis Maister George Hacquett, Conseruatour in Flanderis, quhill the nixt convention of burrowis.

Continuatioun:
Conseruatour.

ITEM, The hail commissioneris present hes promest to assist, fortifie, and concur with the tovne of Peiblis in defence of the cawse persewit contrar thame be my Lord of Newbothhill, as becumis thame to do, conforme to the actis of burrowis maid of befor.

Commission-
eris: Peibles.

ITEM, The commissioneris of burrowis present ordanis the tovnis that ar appoynted to vesy the hawin of Elay, sall, at thair convening in Sanctandrois, vesy the schoir and hawin of Sanctandrois, and tak cognition gif the hail money appoyntit for the reparing thairof be wairit, and to requiest the provest, baillies, and counsall of Sanctandrois to cawse the collectour of this extent to mak compte and rekning quhow he hes bestowit the sam money vpon the reparing of the said schoir, certefeing the saidis provest, and baillies counsall gif they failzie, the hail com-

Visitatioun,
Hawin: Sanct-
androis.

missioneris of burrowis will complene to the Kingis Grace and his Counsall, for ordour to be tane thairanent.

Vnlawing of
the tovnis ab-
sentt fra the
conventioun.

ITEM, The hail commissioneris of burrowis present hes found euery ane of the tovnis following to have incurrit ten lb., for the payne and vnlaw for thair non comperance to this present conuentioun, as they quha war lawfullie varnit thairto, according to the act maid in the last convention at Cowper, viz:—Innernes, Elgene, Forres, Montrois, Iedburgh, Dumfreis, Kirkcudbrycht, Quhithorn, Lawder, Northbervik, Kirkcaldy, Dysert, Forfar; and for vptaking of the saidis vnlawis, ordanes Edinburgh to cawse letteris be raisit for poynding thairfoir, and sum officer of armes to inbring the samyn, and Edinburgh to be furth-cumand and comptabill thairfoir at the nixt conuention of burrowis.

Continuatioun
Conventioun to
Iulij nixt.

ITEM, The hail commissioneris of burrowis present hes apoynted that the nixt conuention of burrowis be haldin in the burgh of Edinburgh the alevint of Iulij nixttocum; and the prouest, baillies, and counsall of the said burgh to mak dew varning to the hail burrowis to compeir thair the said day, with continuation of dayis, for treitting vpoun sic thingis as sall tend to the glorie of God, and common weill of burrowis, and quhat burgh failzies to compeir, being varnit, thair commissioneris to pay ane vnlaw of xx lb. money, euery ane nocht comperand, to be bestowit on the common weill of burrowis.

Apud Striveling, tertio Martij, 1579.

The commissioneris of burrowis vnder subscriyvand, nochtwithstanding the last act anentis thair conuentioun to be haldin in Edinburgh, maid at Glasqu, dispensis thairwith, and for sindrie causis moving thame, hes apoynted thair said conuentioun to be haldin in Abirdene the alevin of Iulij nixt, and the toвне of Abirdene to mak dew aduertisement as efferis, and that becaus at thair last conuention in Dondie the samyn was to be haldin thair be commoun consent; quhairvnto Maister Williame Houston, commissioner for Dumbartan dissassented, and thir subscriptionis aprevis onlie this act.

Alexr. Scrymgeour.
M. Patrik Quhytlaw.
Richard Blyth.
Robert Alschunder.
Dionis Conquerrou.
Maister Dauid Russell.

Andro Ker.
Dauid Philp.
Dauid Ramsay.
Stewin Martyne.
George Lokhart.
George Elphynstoun.
Dauid Brintoun.

Quinto Martij 1579.

THE QUHILK DAY the commissioneris of burrowis appoynted at the last conuentioun of Glasqu to heir the comptes of Mongow Russell, burges of Edinburgh, collectour of the extent of the boulzeoun, as ane act maid be the commissioneris of the maist pairt of the saidis burrowis in the said toвне of Glasqu the xxvj of Februar last propoirtis, to wit, Henry Nesbett, baillie of Edinburgh, and Henry Charteris, Ihonn Arnott, and Robert Kar eldar, for Edinburgh, William Meinzeis for Abirdene, Richart Blythe for Dondie, George Lokhard for Air, George Elphinestoun for Glasqu, ordanis the acquittance vnderwritten to be registratt, quhairof the tennour followis:—We, Iames Erle of Mortoun, Lord of Dalkeith, Regent to oure Souerane Lord, his realme and lieges, grantis us to have ressauit fra Mongow Russell, thesaurer of the burgh of Edinburgh, the sovme of nyne thowsand sevin hundreth fourty sevin pundis sax schillingis four penneis, in pairt of payment of ten thowsand pundis granted be the haill burrowis of this realme to oure Souerane Lord and ws, his Regent foirsaid, for discharge of all dewtie of boulzeoun restand awand be the merchantis of the saidis burrowis, in ony tyme bygane, or that may be clomit heirefter during the tyme of oure regiment, or of oure said soueranis les age, and be delyuerance of the said sovme in pairt of payment foirsaid to oure seruitour, George Auchinleck of Balmanno; off the quhilk sovme of nyne thowsand sevin hundreth fourty sevin pundis sex schillingis four penneis, in pairtt of payment of the said sovme of ten thowsand pundis, as said is, we hald us weill content and satisfeit,

quyte clamis, exoneris, and discharges the said Mongow Russell, thesaurer foirsaid for himself and for the haill burrowis of this realme of the samyn for euer, be thir presentis subscryuit with oure hand at Dalkeith, the fourt day of Marche the zeir of God j^m v^c lx sextene zeris, befor thir witnessis oure weilbelouit brother George Douglas of Parkheid, Capitane of Edinburgh Castell and Provest of Edinburgh, Archibald Douglas, Constabill of the said Castell, Alexander Jardan and Alexander Lawson oure seruitouris, with vtheris dyueris. Et sic subscribitur.

JAMES REGENT.

The Compte of Mongow Russell, thesaurer of the burgh of Edinburgh, in anno 1575, of his intromissioun with the boulzeon syluer ordanit to be vplifted of the haill burrowis of this realme the tyme of the Erle of Mortoun's regiment,—chairge and dischairge, as fol-daw off Marche, 1579.

AUDITOURIS.

Henry Nesbett, baillie, Henry Chairteris, Robertt Kar, eldar, and Ihonn Arnott for Edinburgh; Williame Meinzeis for Abirdene; Richartt Blythe for Dondie; George Elphinestoun for Glasqu; George Lokhartt for Air; Robert Nesbett, provest, and Alexander Symson for Hadingtoun.

CHARGE.

ITEM, The Comptar chargis him with the haill extentt of the boulzeoun syluer, by and attour the sovme of money eikitt thairto for making of the expenssis on the collect-ing thairof, and vtheris the saidis burrowis extraordinar effaires, as the Roll beris in particular, xj^m li. xiiij.

DISCHAIRGE.

ITEM, The said Comptar is to be dischargitt with the sovme contenit in the acquittance on the

- vther syde, subscriuit be my Lord Erle of Mortoun, Regent for the tyme, of the dait the fourt day of Marche, 1576, extending to ix^mvij^cxlviij li. vjs. iiijd.
- ITEM, The said Comptar is to be dischargitt with the sovme quhairto the tovne of Iedburgh was extented vn resaut be him, for non-payment quhairof they ar putt to the horn, as the executionis thair of beris, xxxvj li. xiijs.
- ITEM, He is to be dischargitt with the sovme quhairto the tovne of Dalkeith was extented, quhilk is putt to the horn as the executionis producit beris, xj li.
- ITEM, With the half of the sovme quhairto Northbervik is extented, in respect of the executionis of horning producit, iiij li. ijs. vjd.
- ITEM, With the sovme quhairto Annand is extented, be resoun of the executionis of horning producitt, xj li.
- ITEM, With the sovme quhairto the tovne of Sanctmynnans is extented, be resoun of the executionis of horning producit, iiij^{xx}ij li. xs.
- ITEM, With the sovme quhairto Weik in Caitnes wes extented, in respect of the executioun producitt, xij li. vjs. viiijd.
- ITEM, With the sovme quhairto Abirnethy is extented, in respect of the executionis of horning producit, v li. xiijs.
- Somme of the Comptaris discharge of the tounis putt to the horn for non-payment of their pairtis of this extentt, extending to j^clxiij li. vjs. ijd.
- ITEM, The Comptar is to be dischargitt with the sovme of sex li. for directing of letteris to the burrowis, the first of December 1575, vj li.

- ITEM, At the second tyme for sending of letteris thairto, iij li. xs.
- ITEM, To officeris of armes for charging the hail burrowis to bring with thame the custome rollis and custome buikis of euery burgh for setting of this extent, xlvj li. xiijs. iiijd.
- ITEM, For signeting of aucht letteris, xls.
- ITEM, Drink syluer to the clarkis suerandis, xxiijs. iiijd.
- ITEM, To Iames Makcartney, for sycht of the custome buikis at twa syndrie tymes, vj li. xvjs. viijd.
- ITEM, To Williame Lagane, pursuiuant, and Williame Forsythe, as thair acquittances beris, for ingathering of the extent of the boulzeon on this side of Forthe, j^cxl li. xjs. vjd.
- ITEM, To Patrik Daidson for ingathering of this extent be north Abirdene, j^c li.
- ITEM, to Iames Purdy for collection of this extent betuix Forth and Abirdene, j^clij li. js. viijd
- ITEM, To the ix commissaris of burrowis awaitt- ing on the setting of this extent, ix^{xx} li.
- ITEM, To Alexander Guthrie clark, and his sone, be ane precept, for thair paynis in wryting the rollis, xliij li.
- ITEM, To ane procuratour to assist aganis the Cannogaitt for non-payment of thair pairt of this extent, iij li.
- ITEM, For leyeran polkis to put the syluer in xxxixs.
- ITEM, For ane decreit aganis the Cannogait, xls.
- ITEM, For wryting of copies of letteris for suspen- sioun thairof, xiijs.
- ITEM, To the maseris, xxs.
- ITEM, To the wryteris seruandis, xxvs.
- ITEM, For the Comptaris expenssis in awaiting vpoun the getting of the acquittance of the boulzeon in Dalkeith, liiij.

- ITEM, Deducit to the tovne of Edinburgh for
certan wad careit furth of the realme, ij^clxxvij li.
- ITEM, To Mongow Russell, Comptar, for his paynis
and inlaik of money, 1 li.
- ITEM, To ane man sentt to Flanderis for sersing
of the transpourtaris of foirbodin gudes ac-
cording to the act of burrowis, lv li. xiijs. iiijd.
- ITEM, For expenssis maid be the said Comptar
vpoun wairningis, letteris, and obtening of
decreit aganis the tovne of Preston, xj li.
- Summa of the comptaris discharge is
x^mix^ciiij^{xx}xix li. xiijs. iiijd.

Decimo Martij, 1579.

THE QUHILK DAY the Comptis of Mongow Russell, burges of Edin-
burgh anentis his intromissioun and collectioun of the extent of elevin
thowsand pundis, fourtene schillingis, sett vpoun the hail burrowis and
traffequaris of this realme, for payment of the boulzeon syluer to James
Erle of Mortoun, Regent for the tyme, of all zeris bygane, and induring
oure Souerane Lordis les age, and for making of vther extraordinar expens-
sis as the samyn in particular proportis, being be the commissioneris
of burrowis vnderwrittin, auditouris appointed thairto, at lenth hard, sene,
and avysitlie considerit, they fynd the said Mongowis charge to extend
to the sovme aboue writtin, and his discharge to the sovme of ten
thowsand nyne hundreth four scoir nyntene pundis threttene schillingis
four penneis, and sua the saidis comptes to be sic eque; and ordanis the
extract of this present act to be delyuerit to the said Mongow, vnder the
subscriptioun of thair clark, quhilk salbe to him ane sufficient discharge,
etc.

Henry Neisbett.
Henrie Charteris.
Richard Blythe.
William Menzeis.
George Lokhart.

George Elphynstoun.
A. Symson.
Robert Nesbett, with my hand led
be Ihonn Guthre notar. I
Guthre.

Writtis of the
boulzeon dely-
uerit to Henry
Nesbet.

The samyne day, the Erle of Mortonis acquittance of the boulzeon, together with the haill executionis of horning aganis the burrowis nocht payand, and vtheris wrytes vsit be Mongow Russell for his discharge, at command of the commissioneris, auditouris of the saidis Mongowis comptes, delyuerit to Henry Nesbett baillie of Edinburgh, and he to be ansuerabill to the burrowis thairfoir; and the saidis commissioneris ar content the said acquittance be put in the Charterhous of Edinburgh to remane thair in sure keping, efter the samyn be producit afoir the Lordis of Chakker, incais it be requyrit.

Decimo Quarto Martij, 1579.

Eiking of the
extent of xij^e
markis in the
sowm of iij^e
markis for ex-
penssis of the
auditouris of
the boulzeoun
comptis.

THE QUHILK DAY the commissioneris of burrowis eftir following, to wit, Henry Nesbett and Henry Charteris, for Edinburgh; Richartt Blythe for Dondie; William Meinzeis for Abirdene; George Elphinstoun for Glasqu; and George Lokhartt for Air, Having concludit all sic thingis as they had in directioun gevin to thame in Glasqu and Striveling in Februar last and Merche instant as the actis beris to treitt vpoun, and vnderstanding Mongow Russellis comptes of the boulzeon to be sic eque, quhairby thair expenssis during thair awaiting in the said toвне on the hering of the saidis comptes and Adame Foullertonis, be the space of saxtene dayes, can nocht instantlie be pyit to thame, Thairfoir hes ordanit the provest, baillies, and counsall of the said burgh of Edinburgh to eik thair extennt of tuelf hundreth merkis to be vplifted of the haill burrowis for rembursing of the said toвне of Edinburgh thairof, quhilk was delyuerit at thair commandis to Adame Foullerton for making his expenssis in Ingland, as the actis of burrowis beris, the sovme of thre hundreth merkis to the effect abouewrittin, and the said toвне of Edinburgh to be ansuerabill thairfoir to the commissioneris of burrowis at thair conuentioun to be haldin in Abirdene in Julij nixt, deducand thairof to the commissioneris abouewrittin, and Ihonn Guthre thair clark, the sovme of sax scoir pundis, to be equalie devydit amangis thame, and this for the paynis and travell tane be the said Ihonne Guthre in wryting and forming of thair actis, comptes, and vtheris wrytingis enduring the said space.

Henry Neisbett.
Henrie Charteris.
Richarde Blythe.

Williame Meinzes.
George Elphynstoun.
George Lokhart.

At Abirdene, in the Conuentioun and Assemblie of Burrowis haldin thair the xj, xij, xiiij, xv. and xvj dayes of Iulij, 1580 zeris, comperit the commissioneris vnderwrittin of the burrowis of this realme, efter specifeit, be thair commissionis under thair seillis of caussis, and pairt vnder the subscriptionis of thair commoun clarkis, off quhome thair names efter followis:—Edinburgh, Henry Charteris, Iames Nicoll; Perth, Dioneis Couquerour, Henry Adamson; Dondie, Alexander Scrymgeour, George Spens, Alexander Annand; Abirdene, Gilbert Menzeis, provest, Alexander Rutherfurde, baillie; Sanctandrois, Ihonn Wod, dene of gild, Ihonn Thomesoun; Linlithqu, Androw Kar; Innernes, Williame Haillie, provest, George Ros; Glasqu, Archibald Lichtoun; Montrois, Williame Murray; Cowpar, David Peterson, dene of gild; Abirbrothok, Iames Ramsay.

The commissioneris of burrowis presentlie assemblit and convenit hes found and fyndis everie ane of the tovnis and burrowis following to have incurrit the soyme of tuenty pundis ilk burgh, for the payne of thair vnlaw for non comperance to this present conuentioun as they quha war lawfully vairnit thairto, according to the act maid in the last conuentioun of burrowis at Glasqu, in Februar last bypast, viz., Striveling, Dumbartan, Renfrew, Rugline, Air, Irowine, Kirkcudbrycht, Wigtoun, Laneark, Iedburgh, Peiblis, Craill, Forfar, Breichan, Elgyne, Forres, Nairn, Dysartt, Kirkcaldy, and Pettinweme; and for vptaking of the saidis vnlawis, ordanis Edinburgh to rais letteris for poynding thairfoir, and to send the saidis letteris to Glasqu and Abirdene for putting of the samyn to dew executioun in the west and north pairtis of this realme,—Edinburgh to be ansuerabill for the vnlawis of the burrowis absent of the south cuntrie, Glasqu of the west, and Abirdene for the haill burrowis be north the same, at the nixt conuentioun of burrowis.

Vnlawing bur-
rowis absentt.

Anent the supplicatioun of Williame Baillie provest and George Ros Innernes.

commissioneris for Innernes, desyryng the vnlaw of ten li. to be remitted and dischargitt to thame for non-comperance at the last conuentioun of burrowis haldin at Glasqu in Februar last bypast, bering thatt they war nocht lawfully vairnit thairto, and the said burgh lay far distant fra the said toвне of Glasqu, and the sesoun of the zeir tempestuous. Quhilk supplication being thocht resonabill, the commissioneris of burrowis present remitted and dischargitt the said vnlaw to the said toвне of Innernes, they gevand thair comperance in the assemblies and conuentionis of burrowis heireftir to be affixt, being vairnit thairto; to the quhilkis the said Williame and George, commissioneris for the said burgh of Innernes, granted.

Vnlawing
Dumbar ab-
sentt.

ITEM, Anent the supplicatioun gevin in for the toвне of Dumbar, for thair excuse of thair absence fra this conuentioun, berand in effect that be resoun of the greit contrauersie and debait laitlie fallin out betuix thame and Hadingtoun anent thair rychtis and privileges, quhilk debait hes lyin and presentlie lyis in the law befor the Lordis of Sessioun, zit dependent vndiscusit, and that be resoun of the principall burgessis of the said toвне of Dumbar, quha ar awating on the said pley in the toвне of Edinburgh, and for vther lattis and impedimentis, they gudeliie without thair greitt hurt culd nocht cum nor send their commissioneris fulllelie instructed to this present conuentioun, as in the said supplicatioun at mair lenth was contenit. The haill commissioneris of burrowis present, being throwlie avysit with the said supplicatioun, repellit the desyre thair of, and ordanit the said toвне to be vnlawit as absent.

Burgessis.

Forther, efter lang resoning vpoun the complaint gevin in anent the greit multitude of fre burgessis and gild brether maid and created within dyueris burghis of this realme, quhilkis duelt and remanit furth of the burgh quhairof they war frie, and maid na residence thairin, tending to the greit hinderance of the inhabitantis of the burgh, and na less disadvantage of the estait of merchantis, as the said complaynt mair fulllelie purportis; for remeid quhairof the commissioneris of burrowis present hes statute and ordanit, and in ane vniforme consent aggreitt, that the provest and baillies of ilk burgh of this realme sall cause mak lawfull citatioun and vairning, vpoun the premonition of fourty dayis, to all and sundrie personis quhome they have maid fremen and gild brether, nocht duelling within the toвне quhairof they ar frie, to cum duell and mak

thair actual residence with thair wyfis bairnis familie fyre and flett, within the burgh quhair they ar frie, hald stob and staik within the samyn, scatt, loitt, watche, walk and waird with the inhabitantis thairof, betwix this and the xvth day of December nixttocum, and failling thairof, to heir and se thameselues and ilk ane of thame decernit to have tynt thair friedome and privilege of the burgh quhair of they ar frie, putt furth of the rollis thairof, and to haue na libertie nor privilege within the burgh in na tyme thairefter; and ordanis ilk burgh to repoint thair diligence and decreit aganis thame to the nixt conuention of burrowis, vnder the payne of fourty pundis ilk burgh.

ITEM, For avoyding of the greit and infinit number of foirstalleris, and ^{Foirstalleris.} for restraning of vnfriemen, quhilkis importis greit hinderance to the frie merchantis of frie burrowis of this realme, it is statute and ordanit be the haill commissioneris of burrowis presentlie assemblit, that gif it sall happin ony foirstaller, being attechit, to flie out of the boundis and jurisdiction of ane frie burgh to the jurisdiction and boundis of ane vther frie burgh, the burgh quhairto the foirstaller is fled, being aduerteist be the vther burgh quhilk attechit the foirstaller of befoir, sall rander the said foirstaller agane to the burgh within quhais jurisdiction he was attechit, to be callit, conuict, and pvneist for his demeritis; and the burgh aduerteist be the vther, failling to rander the said foirstaller to the effect foirsaid, sall pay the vnlaw of the foirstaller, and be ansuerabill thairfoir in the nixt conuention of burrowis.

The commissioneris of burrowis presentlie convenit hes ratefeit and ^{Anent pilleing of schippis.} apprevit and be thair presentis ratifeis the act maid in the conuention of burrowis haldin at Edinburgh the xxvij day of Januar 1575 zeris, berin in effect, that incais ony schippis be pilleit the gudes saiff sall contribute scatt and loitt for releif of the personis dampnefeitt, baith schip and gudes, according to thair waring, and that the magistratis of all sea poirtis within this realme, quhair the saidis schippis salhappin to arryve, sall sett ane scatt and extentt for releif of the personis dampnefeitt, and sall arreist, poind, and comprise the schip and guidis of thame, gif neid beis, that refuissis the said scat, euerie man according to his part as he salbe set, and the samin ordour to be keipit anent the guidis cassin for saiftie of life and guidis; quhilk act thai ordane to be observit inuiolablie in all tyme cuming, with this addition, that no

cloithis nor vther geir quhatsumeuer within sey kistis cassin or pilleit sall scatt and lot with the vther guidis and merchandreis cassin or pilleit, as alsua no vther gudis imput in the schip at ony vther port, vther nor at hir ladinning port, salbe haldin to scat and lot.

Commissioneris to Flanderis.

The commissioneris of burrowis presentlie convenit hes with ane consent votit and aggreit, statute and ordanit the tounis of Edinbureh, Peirith, Dundie, Abirdene, Glasqu, Sanctandrois, to send the commissioneris, ilkane of thame ane qualifeit persoun at the leist fullelie instructit, to Flanderis, agane the Michaelmes mercat nixt, to tak ordoure anent the vsing of the excise of beir and wyne in Camphair, and anent the salt pannis thairof safer as thai ar throwbilsun; and sik ordour as happynnis to be taikin thairanent be ony thre of the saidis tounis, the commissioneris of burrois present assentis and aggreis thairto, and obleissis thame to abyde thereat, etc.

Anent cowparis and pakkeris of fische.

ITEM, For eschewing of the greit inconveinencis and intolerabill skaith that in tymes bigane and now laitlie has happynnit to the merchandis and traffecquaris of this realme, of the new inventit craft and falset commitit and done dailie be the cowperis, pakkaris of salmound, throuche pakking of roustie and insufficient salmound fische, quhairthrowch thair is greit hurt and dampnage nocht onlie sustenit be the byeris thairof but alsua be the selleris of the samyn, and no less sclander sustenit be the haill natioun through defalt of the said salmon pakkeris, For remeid thairof, the haill commissioneris of burrowis presentlie convenit hes statute and ordanit that fra this furth, in all burrowis of this realme be eist Glasqw, quhairin thair is cowparis, salmound pakkeris, that the cowper pakker salbe sworne to vse his office lelelie and trewlie, and sall set sikker caution and souertie actit in the tounis buikis that he sall pak no salmound fische, but fische quhilk ar gude and sufficient, and no grilses with salmound, bot sax grilses in ane barrell at the maist, viz, thre in ilk heid thairof, and to pay the dampnage and skaith to the merchand that it salhappin him to sustene at the mercat in the pakkeris defalt, other throw pakking of insufficient salmound or be insufficiencie of the trie and barrell; and that he sall birne and mark ilk barrell immediatlie efter the pakking thairof with his awin proper mark, and thairefter the same to be brent with the tounis mark, and the cowpar pakkir failzeing in the premissis, being callit and convict thairfoir, beside the skaith and dampnage to be payit be him to the merchand and awner of the fische, sall pay ten pundis of penaltie,

and be dischargit for euer in pakking be the prouest and baillies of the burgh quhair he duellis, and the penaltie to be payit to thame.

The haill commissioneris present aggreit votit and condescendit the sovme of ane hundreth pundis be gevin to Henry Nesbett, Henry Chairteris, in Edinburgh; Richard Blythe in Dondie; Williame Menzeis in Abirdene; George Elphinston in Glasgu; George Lokhart in Air; and Johnn Guthre, clark, for thair expenssis in remaning in Edinburgh on the hering of Mongow Russellis comptes of the boulzeoun, and Adam Fullertonis comptes, to be payit of the rest and superplus of the said Mongowis comptes thair of, four scoir twa pundis ten schillingis to be payit of the extent of the toвне of Sanctandrois of thair pairt of the boulzeoun, the acquittances thair of being delyuerit to the saidis personis.

Expenssis auditouris boulzeoun comptes.

Alsua, the saidis commissioneris aggreit votit and condescendit that Henry Chairteris and James Nicoll, commissioneris of Edinburgh, sall delyuer to Dioneis Conquerour and Henry Adamsoun, commissioneris of Perth, the letteris and executionis of horning gevin vp be Mongow Russell, general collectour of the extent of the boulzeoun, vpoun the burrowis restand awand the said extent, and the saidis commissioneris of Perth to repourt thair diligence aganis the burrowis denuncit for the said extent, and be ansuerabill and comptabill for payment, or ellis the saidis letteris and executionis, at the nixt conuentioun of burrowis.

Delyuering of the executionis of the boulzeoun to Perth.

The haill commissioneris of burrowis presentlie conuenit, efter lang resoning on the effaires concerning the common weill of the estait of merchantis, hes condescendit and aggreit, and alsua votit, that the tovnis of Edinburgh, Dondie, Perth, Abirdene, Cowpar, Montrois, Sanctandrois pas together to Sanctandrois, or quhair it salhappin the Kingis Maiestie to be, vpoun the xxij day of Julij instant, and thair to desyir his Hienes and Grace Secreit Counsall to tak ordour with the toust lifted and gatherit for the repairing of the schoir and hawin of Sanctandrois, quhilk as zit is vnrepairit, and cause the collectour of the said extent to mak compte and reking quhow the same is bestowit to the burrowis, As alsua to requyre his Maiestie and his Grace Secreit Counsall fairsaid for ordour to be tane with the lait pilleit gudes of the merchantis of this realme, sic as Dondie, Perth, Abirdene, Innernes, Montrois, Cowpar, Sanctandrois, and alsua Edinburgh, be the piratis of the Inglis natioun, and vtheris gudes pilleit of befor be the said natioun fra the trafficuaris of this realme; And for

Anent the ingeving of supplications to the King for remeding of the hurtis sustentit be the burrowis.

ordour to be taikin anent the distructioun of cruvis and zairis, and specialie within the boundis and schirefdome of Innernes quhair greit clannis and surnames prevaillis ; As to requyre his Hienes alsua, and his Counsall foirsaid, for taking of ordour with euery parochyn to landwart for sustenting of thair awin pure people and impotent personis, according to the act maid in his Grace last Parliament, quhilk hes bene as zit neglected, without the quhilk impossibill it is to the burrowis to tak ordour thairanent, being oppressit with ane greit and infinit number of strang and extraordinar beggeris nocht born nor bred within the saidis burrowis : And ordanis the commissioneris of burrowis efter specefeit, at the leist samony of thame as salhappin to be conuenit to the effect foirsaid, in name of the haill burrowis of this realme, to geve in and present to the Kingis Grace and his Hienes' Secreit Counsall foirsaid supplicationis ane or mapoun the premissis ; and namelie ane supplicatioun for getting and obteneing of Maister George Hacquet, conseruatour of the Scotis natioun, dischargit of the vplifting of the extraordinar stent taikin be him by auld vse and wontt, as salbe specifeit in the said supplicatioun ; As alsua ane vther to be gevin in to his Hienes and Counsall foirsaid anent compte and rekoning to be maid of the intromission with the syluer collectit and gathered for releif of the captives Scottismen in Moroco taikin be the Turkis ; and efter as the saidis commissioneris, to the effect foirsaid conuenit, resavis the Kingis Hienes ansuer and counsall foirsaid, the haill commissioneris presentlie convenit in this present conuention aggreis, votis, and condiscendis in ane voce, that the commissioneris of the burrowis aboue specifeit, or sa mony of them as salhappin to be conuenit, or at the leist four or sax of thame, with the towne of Edinburgh, sall sett ane extent and toust throw the haill burrowis of this realme for seking of redres of the pilleit gudes foirsaidis, be sending of commissioneris ane or ma to Ingland for restitutioun of the samyn, gif, efter the Kingis Grace and Secreit Counsallis ansuer, it beis thocht expedient. And als ane supplication to be gevin concerning the cunzie.

Putting of the Actis of Parliament maid for the weil of burrowis to execution.

ITEM, It is statute and ordanit be the haill commissioneris of burrowis present, for execution of the actis of parliament granted for the liberties and privilegis of burrowis within thair awin boundis and iurisdiction, and concerning the privileges gevin to the provest and baillies of burrowis within thair awin boundis and iurisdiction, sall fra this furth

cause execute the actis of parliament, and specialie the actis maid in oure Souerane Lord King James the Saxt last twa parliamentis, to wit, anent the pvneisment of strang and idill beggeris,—anent bering, wering, and schuting of culueringis and daggis within burrowis,—for pvneisment of regratouris and foirstalleris,—anent the destruction of cruvis and zairis,—anent the discharge of mercatis on Sondagis, and labouring thairon, or playing and drinking in tyme of sermon,—anent pakking and peilling of herring, and quhyte fische,—anent transporting of coillis furth of the realme; for pvneisment of thame that tynis plies within burgh, conforme to the tennour of the saidis actis in all poyntis, and to be ansuerabill thairfoir in euery conuention of burrowis, as they salbe accusit thairupoun.

The commissioneris of burrowis efter subscryvand, fynding thame greittlie preiugit be the inlaik of ane generall buke quhilk suld contene the haill lawis and constitution of burrowis, all in ane voce gevis full commissioun and power to the burgh of Edinburgh to cause the said buke be maid, and to the effect the samyn may be the mair perfyttelie practesed, the said burgh of Edinburgh, quhairin they ar to hald thair nixt conuention, to mak dew and lawfull aduerteisment to the haill burrowis particularlie to send the extract of quhatsumeuer lawis, actis, and constitutionis maid in the conuention of burrowis haldin in thair burrowis concerning the weillfair of burrowis in ony tyme bygane, to the said burgh of Edinburgh, betuix this and the first day of September nixtocum, vnder the payne of xxx li, to be vplifted of euery burgh failzeing to send the saidis actis at the tyme prescryuit; And alsua ordanis the said burgh of Edinburgh, as they will ansuer to the commissioneris of burrowis at the said nixt conuention vpoun thair diligence, to have in radynes the said buke and haill actis send to them and insert and registrat thairin, and unto thair nixt conuention continewis all forther resoning vpon the artikle producit be the commissioneris of Aberdene heiranent, to wit, towardis the custodie of the said buke quhen it is maid, in quhais handis the samyn salbe gevin in keping; And ordanis alsua the said burgh of Edinburgh, quhair the said assemblee of burrowis is appoynted to be haldin, to direct thair missives to the haill burrowis of this realme to send thair commissioneris, maist ancient and wysest, fulllelie instructed to the said nixt conuention, for approbatioun, ratifica-

Anent the making of ane generall buke containing the haill actis of burrowis.

tioun, and confirmatioun of the actis and constitutionis insert and registrat in the generall buke foirsaid ; And ordanis tuenty pundis to be gevin to Iohn Guthre, clark, for wryting of the said buke, to be payit of the first end of the superplus of the boulzeoun.

Innernes,
Dingwall,
Chanrie, Roismarky.

The said day, anent the complaynt gevin in be the toвне of Innernes tuiching the usurping of the libertie, tred, and traffique of merchandise of all kynde staipill gudes of the said burgh, be the tovnis and villages of Dingwall, Chanonrie, Roismarky, Cromarty, Dornoch, Weik, sa tending to the lairge detriment of the said burgh of Innernes, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said supplicatioun gevin in thairupon. The commissioneris of burrowis present, having exactlie considerit the said supplicatioun, and being rypelie avysit thairwith, fyndis and declairis that the saidis tovnis and villages of Dingwall, Chanrie, Roismarky, Crummaty, Dornocht, and Thurso ar na frie burghis, and that in respect they ar nocht in the societie of the remanent frie burrowis, naither enrollit in thair rollis, nor zit pay the extent and contributioun with the frie burrowis ; and promeis to concur and assist with the said toвне of Innernes quhen they have ado in the law for defense of thair liberties, conforme to the actis of burrowis maid thairanent of befor.

Innernes,
Thayne.

The said day, the commissioneris of burrowis presentlie assemblit ordanis the toвне of Edinburgh to direct missives in thair names to the toвне of Thayne to compeir befor the commissioneris of burrowis of this realme, in thair conuention to be haldin in the said toвне of Edinburgh vpon the xvij day of Aprile nixttocum, for ansuering to the complaynt of the toвне of Innernes product aganis thame, and exhibitoun of the said toвне of Thaynes rycht, charter, and privilege, quhairby they ar erected in fre burgh, gif they ony have, to the effect the commissioneris conuenand at the said conuention may cognosce thairupoun, with certificatioun to the said toвне of Thayne that gif they compeir nocht, being lawfully vairnit to the effect abouewrittin, the commissioneris of burrowis present at the said nixt conuention will decern according to justice.

Anent Littistaris and Maltmen.

FORTHHER, efter lang resonyng and disputatioun anent the article gevin in be commissioneris of Abirdene, berand in effect that the common weill of the said burgh sustenit great detriment, and the hail lieges of this realme mekill preiugit, be the littistaris and maltmen thair of seking ernistlie dekynis to be granted to thame as to vther frie craftis, quhillk

is ane noualtie. The commissioneris present having exactlie considerit the said article, and being throwlie avysit thairwith, fyndes and declairis that it has nocht bene the receavit custome of the burrowis of this realme, nor zet thair antecessouris, provest baillies and magistratis of burrowis, hes at ony tyme heretofoir ony wayes receaved ony dekin or admitted of the sadis craftis of littisteris and maltmen, and be admitting and receaving of the samyn the common welth of this realme is havelie hurt, and the hail commonis to be mekill preiugit thairby, and to sustene intolerabill skaith, Thairfoir, all in ane voce hes statute and ordanit that na dekyn salbe granted receaved nor admitted to the saidis littistaris and maltmen within ony burgh of this realme, but they salbe repute as na craftis in all tymes herefter, conforme to the act of parllament.

The said day, the commissioneris of burrowis presentlie assemblit hes ratefeit and appreivit, and be thir presentis ratefeis and apprevis, the act maid in the conuention of burrowis haldin at Striveling the xxvth of October 1564 zeris, makand mention that na schip suld pas furth of this realme to the pairtis of Flanderis chairgit with hyde, woll, skyn, claith, or sidlike staipill gudes, bot twyse in the zeir, viz., to the Pasche merkatt and Rude merkatt in September vnder the payne of twenty li., to be vplifted and taikin of euery pairty transgressand and brekkand this present ordinance, to the provest and baillies of the burgh quhair the transgressouris hes his remaning, to be applyit to the common weill thairof, and that but preiudice of the frie merchandis of frie burrowis to traffecq in the saidis pairtis of Flanderis at all tymes conuenient, by and attour the twa merkatt dayes, with all vther wairis, the saidis staipill gudes excepted, —quhilk act the saidis commissioneris decernis statutis and ordanis to be obseruit inuiolablie in all tymes cuming. And als hes statute and ordanit, and be thir presentis ordanis, and for ane law and ordinance in tymes cuming to be obseruit, concludis that it sall nocht be lesum to na friemen, merchantis, brether of gild, trafficquaris, to fraucht ony schip in ony tyme heirefter to France, Flanderis, Suadin, Denmark, or vther pairtis quhatsumever bezond sea, bot in presence of the dene of gild of the burgh quhair the schippis salhappin to be frauchtit, and in his absence in presence of the baillies of the said burgh, and the contravenar of this ordinance to incur the penaltie of xx li., to be applyit in maner as is aboue expremitt.

Frauchting of
schippis.

Elgyne,
Forres.

Comperit certan merchantis, burgessis of gild, trafficquaris of this realme, quha resoirtis to the hawins and tovnnes of Elgyne and Forres with boittis chargit with wyne, salt and vther merchandise, transported fra sindrie poirtis of this realme to the said tovnnes of Elgyne and Forres, and being menit be thame thatt by and attour all lovabill vse obseruit within vther burrowis of this realme that [be] the magistratis, provest and baillies of Forres and Elgyne, the saidis merchantis war compellit to mak offer of the salt, wyne, and vther merchandise to the saidis hawins to the provest and baillies of the saidis Elgyne and Forres, desyryng remeid to be put thairto, The commissioneris present for the tyme ordanis Edinburgh, quhair the nixt conuention of burrowis is appoynted to be haldin, to mak dew aduerteisment be thair missives to the saidis tovnis of Elgyne and Forres for keping of the nixt conuention, to be haldin the xvij day of Aprile nixt in the said toвне of Edinburgh, in sending thair commissioneris thair fullie instructed to ansuer to the accusation foirsaid, with certificatioun as efferis, etc.

Innernes
excyse boll.

Comperit Iohnn Wod and Iohnn Thomsoun commissioneris for Sanct-androis, and complenit vpon the provest, baillies, and counsall of Innernes for the wrang done and committed be thame in lifting and taking of the excyse boll of salt transported fra the poirt of Sanctandrois to the hawin and burgh of Innernes aganis the lovabill vse of vtheris burrowis, desyryng the commissioneris present to tak ordour thairanent, And the saidis commissioneris being rypelie avysit thairwith, and considering the ansuer maid thairto be Williame Baillie provest and George Ros commissioneris for Innernes, personalie present, ordanis Innernes to send thair commissioneris fullie instructed to the nixt conuention of burrowis, to be haldin vpon the xvij day of Aprile within the burgh of Edinburgh, with thair titilis rychtis and defenssis anent the vplifting of the said excyse boll, with certification as efferis.

Kingis Grace
Conseruatour
Burrowis
letter.

The commissioneris presentlie convenit devysit and ordanit ane ansuer to be send to the Kingis Grace of the letter delyuerit to thame be Patrik Fyldour anent the desyir of ane ansuer to his Hienes towartis certan heidis presented to the commissioneris of burrowis in the conuention haldin at Glasqu last bypast, and als tuiching his Hieness desyr anent the continuatioun to be granted concerning Maister George Hacquet, conseruatour, quhilk letter the commissioneris of burrowis ordanit Maister

Thomas Mollysoun, clark of this present conuention, in thair names and at thair commandis to subscriue.

After lang resonyng vpoun the desyre of the expenssis of the nycht-
bouris of Edinburgh, quha war detenit and imprisoned in the castellis of
Doun, of Monteith, Linlithqu, and Striveling, be the Erle of Mortoun,
Regent to oure Souerane Lord for the tyme, to be rembursit to thame,
diuerstie of opinionis in the said mater being had, and in consideration
of the small number of burrowis conuenit in this present assemble, and
for vtheris caussis, the commissioneris of burrowis presentlie conuenit hes
continewit, and continewis, the said desyre and article in the same
strenth force and effect as it is now, to the nixt conuention of burrowis,
and to be rememberit in the missiues to be sent thairto.

Lang disputatioun being had vpoun the contrauersie and debait de-
pendant vndiscussit betuix the tovnis of Perth and Dondie anent
prioritie in place of parliament, counsall, and conuention, remitted be
act of parliament to have bene discussit in the last conuention haldin
at Glasqu in Februar last bypast, and thairfra continowit to this
present conuention to haif bene decydit thairin, The commissioneris
of burrowis presentlie conuenit, vpon dyueris considerationis moving
thame, and specialie becaus the number of commissioneris of burrowis
heir assemblit is feu and small and the mater wechtie, with expres con-
sent and assent of Alexander Scrymgeour, Alexander Annand, and George
Spens, commissioneris for Dondie, Dioneis Conquerour and Henry
Adamsoun for Sanctiounstoun, continewit the said mater in the same
forme, force, strenth, and effect as it is now, but preiudice of aither of the
pairties and thair rychtis thairanent, to the nixt conuention of burrowis
appoynted to be haldin within the burgh of Edinburgh vpoun the xvij day
of Aprile nixtocum, or quhatsumeuer day it salhappin the said conuen-
tion to be, and the said mater to be first handlit, resonit, and discust
thairin, and aither of the saidis pairties to produce and exhibit thair
allegances defenssis and ressonis in writt qualefeit, together with thair
rychtis and tyillis writis and documentis quhilk thay will vse in the
said cawse, at the said nixt conuention; and ordanis the toвне of Edin-
burgh to direct thair missiues to the haill burrowis of this realme to have
thair commissioneris fullie instructed to the effect fairsaid, and with sure
informatioun anent the ranking and placing of all vther burrowis in par-

Continuation
ansuer, nycht-
bouris of Edin-
burgh.

Dondie, Perth.

liament convention or counsall, in cais it sallhappin thame to sute the samyn, and this without preiudice outhir of the act of parliament or vther actis maid of befor.

Desolving of
this conuen-
tioun.

Last, the hail commissioneris of burrowis presentlie convenit hes in ane vniforme consent apunctit the nixt conuention of burrowis to be haldin in the burch of Edinburgh the sevintein day of Aprile nixttocum, and ordanis the prouest, baillies, and cownsaill of the said burch to mak dew warning to the hail burrowis of this realme to compeir thaire the said day, with continuation of dayis ; and ordanis the clark of the burch quhair the conuention is apunctit to be haldin in all tyme heirefter to direct the missives to everie burch in particular, insert and wryt the name of the berer of the missive and quhat day he delyuer the same in ane buik, and present the said buik to the nixt conuention, quhilk sall have fayth and be haldin sufficient citatioun, nochtwithstanding quhatsumeuer excuis of absence maid in the contraire ; And in cais betuix this and the said sevintein day of April, apunctit for the nixt conuentioun of burrowis to be haldin in the said toun of Edinburgh, thair happinis to intervine ane parliament affixit and proclamit to be haldin and begin within ony burch of this realme afoire the said sevintein day of Aprile, or ony vther wechtie mater of grytt consequens concerning the veifare of this realme and estait of burrowis to occur in the mid tyme requyring ane assembleie of burrowis, in that cace the toun of Edinburch to aduerteis be thair missive the hail burrowis of this realme for convening tham thrie dayis afor the parliament, or quhatsumeuer vther day afor the said sevintein day of Aprile, for treating of materis of gryt consequens, tending to the commoun estait of burrowis and weilfaire of the samen requyring expeditioun as saidis ; and quhat burch faillies to compeir, being warnit as said is, to incur the unlaw and pane of threttie pundis, to be bestowit upoun the commoun weill of burrowis. In witnes of the quhilk the saidis commissioneris hes subscrywit thir presentis with thaire handis, and sua it is subscryvit.

Henrie Charteris.
James Nicoll.
Alexr. Scrymger
George Spens.
Alexr. Annand.

Ion. Thomsoun.
Andro Kar, commissioner for
Lythgow.
Archibald Lyoun.
Wm. Baillie.

Dionis Conquerour.
 Henrie Adamsoun.
 Gilbert Mengzes.
 Alexr. Rutherfurd.
 Ion. Wod.

Wm. Murray.
 Daid Petersoun.
 Iames Ramsay.
 George Ros.

Et sic subscribitur.

Ita est Magister Thomas Mollison, scriba dicte conuentionis manu propria.

At Sanctandrois, vltimo Iulij 1580.

THE commissionaris presentlie convenit and vnder subscriyvand, con- Extentt v^o lib
 forme to the act maid at Abirdene in thair last conuentionoun haldin
 thairat, all in ane voice concludis that ane extent of fyve hundreth lib.
 be sett vpoun the haille borrowis of this realme, and vniuersalie collected
 and ingathered of thame with all diligence, and that for making of the
 menis expenssis to be sent in Ingland for seking of redres of the gudes
 pilleit be the Inglismen; and the toun of Edinburgh, according to the last
 rollis maid at Cowpar in thair conuentionoun haldin thairat in Februar last
 bygane ane zeir, to be the settaris and the ingatheraris thair of; And that
 the sowme of money abouewritten be deuydit in maner following, to wit,
 ane hundreth merkis for making of the mennis expenssis send from
 Dondie and Sanct Iohnestoun to Newcastell for trayell of thair gudes
 pilleit in Iu last, incais they obtain the gudes pilleit as said is at
 this present jorney, sax hundredth merkis for making of the mennis ex-
 penssis to be sent in Ingland for seking redres as is aboue written, and
 the vther fifty merkis for the lane of the said principall sowme quhill
 the sowme may be ingatherit; And incais the said men to be sent beis
 found superexpendit, and that the sowme of sax hundreth merkis beis
 nocht sufficient to mak thair expenssis induring thair remanyng in Ing-
 land, that thaire superexpenssis salbe reimbursit to thame at thair hame
 cuming, provyding that the samyn exceid nocht the sowme of ane hun-
 dreth pundis at the syght of the rollis.

ITEM, Concludis that Dondie mak aduerteisment to the hail burrowis to conuein in Striveling vpoun the xxiiij of Agust nixt, incais thai fynd the maronaris thairof insist in thair persute at the said day anens the contributioun to be maid of schip and gudes pilleit, and that the burrowis failling to conuein the said day salbe vnlawit according to the act maid at Abirdene in Julij instant. Et sic subscribitur.

Henrie Charteris.

Wm. Fairlie.

Henry Adamsoun.

Iohne Couthbert of Kyrkcaldy,
subscryuit be Iohne Guthre
notar at my command.

Iohne Thomesoun.

Alexr. Ramsay.

Patrick Lyoune.

Dauid Ridawcht.

Ioannes Bonkle clericus ciui-
tatis Sanctiandree.

Edinburgh.

In the Conuentioun or Parliament of Burrowes haldin and begun at Edinburgh the xvij. day of Apryle the zeir of God I^m V^c fourescoir ane zeirs, and continuand to the xxij day of the said moneth, Comperit the commissioneris of the burrowis quhais names followis, and producet thare commissionis, pairtlie vnder the seillis of their burghis, and pairtlie subscriuit be thair commoun clerkis, viz.: for Edinburgh, Alexander Clerk, provost, Henry Nesbet, and Henry Chairteris; for Glasgw, Iohn Grahame, baillie, and Maister Henry Gibbsoun; for Montrose, William Murray; for Linlythqw, Androw Ker, thesaurer; for Dumbartane, Donald Conyngham, baillie; for Dunfermeling, William Mekilibone, Robert Pawtoun; for Elgein, Iohne Annand, provost; for Selkirk, Gavine Wilkyne; for Lawder, Androw Lawder; for Striueling, William Noruell; for Dunbar, William Boncle; for Peblis, Ihone Hay; for Kirkcaldy, Alexander Dalzell, William Lamb; for Cowper, Dauid Petersoun; for Perth, Maister Patrick Quhytlaw, Dioneis Conquerour, Henry Adamson; for Carail, Dauid Ramsay; for Inverness, William Cudbert; for Northbervik, Hew Baillie; for Ruglein, Dauid Spens; for Dundie, Alexander Scrymgeour, James Finlawsoun; for Hadingtoun, James Cockburne; for Lanark, William Wilkyne; for Forfaire, Walter Lyndsay; for Pittinweme, Stevin Mairtene; for Abirdene, Gilbert Meyngzeis of Petfoddellis,

provost, David Moir, Alexander Rutherford, William Meyngzeis ; for Dyzart, Archibald Meluile, John Luthrisk.

At Edinburgh xvij^o Aprilis I^m V^o lxxxj^o.

THE QUHILK DAY, anent the complaynt maid in the last conuentioun at Forrest, Elgein. Aberdene vpoun the burrowes of Elgein and Forest for compelling the merchandis of frie burrowes arryvand at their ports with wyne, salt, and vther merchandise frome uther frie ports of the realme to make ane offer to thame of the same, and the decision heirof being referrit to this present conventioun, The commissioneris of burrowes befor rehersit, in presence of Ihone Annand, provest and commissioner for the burch of Elgein, and in *penam contumacie* of the said burch of Forrest, fyndis the saidis burrowes to haif done wrong in the premissis, and, tharefore discharges thame in speciall, and all vther burrowes in generall, to caus or compell any frie merchant cummand with his guidis frome ane frie port within the realme to mak offer to them of the samyn ; but thatt it salbe lesum to the saidis merchants to dispone vpoun thair saidis guidis frielie but impediment or offer making in tyme cuming, without preiudice alwayes to the liberty of the burch.

ITEM, Quhairas it wes ordanit in the said last conuentioun halden at Outland bur- Aberdene that ilk burch suld discharge thare outland burgessis, and to gessis. repourt thare diligence heirvpoun to this present conuentioun, the burch of Edinburgh, for thair diligence, declairit be thair commissioneris that they had na owntland burgessis exerceing traffique, or doand contra the liberty of the burch, and zett had be thair decreit decernit thame in generall quha repairit nocht to the burch vpoun xl days wairning to beir ordinare charges to haif forfalted thair freedome ; the commissioneris of Perth gaif in alsua thair generall diligence by letteris of the Lordis ; the commissioneris for Glasgw and Elgein, Invernes, and Lanerk gaif in thair diligence aganis thair outland burgessis, with thair names in speciall quha ar dischairget thair fredome ; and therefor the commissioneris ordanis ilk burch, speciallie sic as ar on the coist syde, to haif the attentik roll of the burgessis dischairget, and euery ane requestis ane uther as thai wald be carefull of thair freedome to sa the act aboue

mentionat obseruit and putt to executioun in all poynts; and ordanis the burch of Edinburgh to send aduertisement to Kingorn and Innerkething that thai dischairge thair owtland burgessis and gif in to thame the rall of thair names with diligence, becaus thai vnderstand thair nowmer to be verray gritt and hurtfull to the friedome of burrowes.

Generall buik.

ITEM, Anent the making of ane generall buik of the hail acts of thair conventionis conforme to the act maid at Abirdene, appreis the said act in all poynts, and continewis the questioun vpoun the custody of the said buik to the nixt conventioun that the said buik be perfyttit; agane the quhilk tyme thai ordane ilk burch, but speciallie Lynlythqu, to serche furch the acts of the conventiouns haldin within thame, and send the same to Edinburgh with expeditioun, and Jhonn Guthre, clerk, to continew in his diligence for writting and compleitting of the said buik, and to present the same to the said next conventioun, at the quhilk tyme thae promiseit to se him satisfeit for his paynis. And the commissioneris for Dundie and Cowper exhibit sic acts as thai declarit was in thare burchis, and nocht contenit in the buik of Edinburgh, and delyuerit thame to the said Ihon, and thairvpoun askit instrumentis.

Vigesimo Aprilis, I^m V^o lxxxj^o.

Hadingtoun,
Dunbar.

THE QUHILK DAY, in presence of the commissioneris of burrowes, comperit William Boncle, commissioner for Dumbar, and declairit that albeit he had on Tysday last compromitt the debaittabil mater betuix his burch and Hadingtoun, zitt sensyne he was dischairgit thair of be the said burch of Dunbar, and thairfore culd nocht abyde at the said compromitt, bot renunceit the saymn; and the commissioner for Hadingtoun declairit that thai wald willinglie vnderly the iugement of the remanent burrowes, or of the arbitratouris and owersman ellis nominat and chosin, and thairvpoun askit instrumentis, and vpoun the said renunciatioun and declaratioun maid be Dunbar.

Dundie, Perth.

THE SAME DAY, Anent the questioun depending betuix the burrowes of Perth, Dundie, and Stirling for the priority of place and dignity, quhilk was referrit to this last conventioun, with the generall ordour to haif been tane for ranking and placing of the hail burrowes, as is contenit in

ane act of the last conventioun of burrowes at Abirdene, The saidis commissioneris being of mynd to haif begun at the particular debaitt betuix the saidis twa burchis of Dundie and Perth before the generall questioun wes decydit, and efter lang debaitt and controuersie had betuix the saidis twa burchis and thair commissioneris yesterday, and bayth thair ressouns and allegatiouns being productit this day in writt, and the samyn hard red and at lenth avysitlie considerit, the saidis commissioneris of burrowes fyndis be the said ressouns geven in that the particular questioun, as als the generall toward the ranking and placing of the hail burrowes, will be swa debaitabill and intricat on ilk syde, and forther redound to the particulare of ilk burch quha will clame the like prerogative befor vther for the same self ressouns, that as thai can nocht be iuges in thair awin caussis swa thai may nocht decyde this present questioun ather in general or in particular betuix the saidis twa burchis, and therefore hes votit and concludit the decisioun heirof to be remitted to the vther twa estaitts in the next parliament or generall counsale and conventioun, or to the Kingis Maiestie and Lordis of Secrett Counsal as maist proper iudges heirvnto; and, in the meane tyme, ordanis the saidis twa burchis contendant to stand in the same estaitt as thai now presentlie remayne, but preiudice the ane of the vther and ayther of thair richtis and priueleges or prerogatiues; to the quhilk premisses the commissioneris for Perth dissentit, and William Noruell commissioner for Stirling protested that this be nocht preiudiciall to his said burch, and to the discussing of thair richt and place conforme to the act of parliament, bot that they may bruik and posses thair place next Edinburgh as secund thairto in parliament; lykewayis the commissioneris for Linlythqw and Abirdene the sam preiuge thame nocht toward the thrid place as dew vnto euery ane of thame, as thai allegeit.

The sam day, for executioun of the first act of the last conventioun in Abirdene toward the vnlawes of the burrowes absent, and for the mair reddy executioun and obedience of the hail acts and constitutiouns of the parliament or conventionis of burrowes maid or to be maid concerning the weill of thair estaitt, and nocht contrair to the lawes of the realme, and for vplifting of the vnlawes amerciements and penalties of the sam, gif ony wald presume to violat ony pairt thairof, appoynts and nominats Henry Charteris, Henry Adamsoun, and Alexander Scrymgeour

For executioun
of the acts of
burrowes.

to caus forme and devyse ane bill to be gevin in to the Secreitt Counsale, and ane vther to the Lordis of Sessioun, for obteneing our Souerane Lordis letteris for concurrence of his Hieness authority and officiares to the executioun of the saidis acts, and vplifting of the paynes before rehersit.

Excyse and
salt pannis in
Campheir.

ITEM, The saidis commissioneris of burrowes fyndis the act of the last conventioun anent sending of commissioneris to Flanders for ordour to be tane anent the excyse of bere and wyne in Campheir, and anent the salt pannis thair swa far as thai ar trubilsum, nocht to haif tane sufficient effect, and thairfor of new ordanis Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdene and Glasqu and Stirling, or any thre of thame, to send ilk ane ane commissioner to Flanders in the first schippis for intreatting heirvpoun, and to that effect to send to Edinburgh, within ten days nixt heirafter, the names of the personis quhome thai lyke best for this purpose, quha are to pas to Flanders, And the said burch in name of the haill burrowes to direct ane commissioun vnder their seill of caus with sufficient instructioun to the saidis persouns to be gevin in and nominat to thame, as said is, and to resaeue the report of thair ansuer heirvpoun.

Restis of the
bulzeoun.

ITEM, For inbringing of the restis of the extent of the bulzeoun grantit to the Erle of Mortoun, ordanis Henry Charteris to delyuer to Maister Patrik Quhytelaw the letteris of horning and executiouns thair of vpoun the burrowes and towns awand ony pairt of the said extent, and the said Maister Patrik hes promist, vpoun the expenssis of the burrowes, to caus denunce the saidis bruchis and townis of new, and register the sam in the schireffs buiks; for the quhilk caus thai ordane the said Maister Patrik to vplift the saidis sowmes restand, and of the first and reddiest thair of to pay the auditouris of the bulzeoun comptis the sowme of ane hundredth pundis for thair expenssis, specially of St. Minanes pairt of the said extent, conforme to the act maid heiranent in the last conventioun,—in the quhilk act, quhair mentioun is maid in the end thair of of Sanct-androis, thai fynd it owcht and suld be St. Minanes,—And the said Maister Patrik to be comptabill for the rest of the saidis sowmis swa far as he sall intromett ather for the money or hornings, alwayis thai will him to supersede the executioun aganis Northbervik, becaus thair commissioner hes promist ather to schaw guid acquittances, or to mak payment betuix this and the thrid of May nixt.

Salmond and
herring bind.

ITEM, The saidis commissioneris approuis the act of the said last con-

ventioun toward the salmond bind, cowparis and pakkeris of fische; and ordanis ilk burch to serche and seik within thair selffs quhair the sam is brokin, and to be diligent for executioun thair of in all poynts Eikand heirto that thair be na diuersity in the salmond bind, bot that the salmond barrells be of ane bind vniuersally throw the haill realme, and ilk barrell to contene twelf gallouns, siclyke of the hering bind, and that the sam be of Flemys bind, conforme to the actis of parliament.

ITEM, For suppressing of the multitude of vnfre traffiquers, thai ordane ilk burch within thair selff to vse thair priueleges and execut the acts of parliament heiranent, or vtherwayes that thai send the names of the saidis vnfre traffiquers, als weill within thair selffs as in the schyre quhair thair burch lyes, to the burch of Edinburgh, that thai may delyuer the saidis names to the Kingis thesaurer, serchour, or vther officiaris, for executionis of the acts of parliament and priueleges of burrowes aganis the saidis personis, and that vnder the payne of ten pund to be tane of the burch failzeand heirvnto.

ITEM, Thai ordane the commissioneris of the burrowes of Edinburgh, Abirdene, Perth, Dundie, Stirling, Linlythqw, Hadingtoun, Cowpar, and Innernes, to caus mak ane bill in name of the haill burrowes, and gif the sam in to the Kingis Grace and Secreit Counsale, and to obtene ansuer heirvpoun for executioun of the act of parliament anent destroying of the cruvis and zairis, As alswa complening vpoun Maister George Hakkett, conservatour, for vplifting of the dewty of ten stuiris dischargeit, and for nocht repairing to this cuntrey conform to the act of parliament, and thairfore desyring his Grace concurrence with letteris to Campheir for dischairging him of his office, and putting ane mair diligent man in his place, and that he may be callit to cum hame and mak compt of his intromissioun, and to ansuer vpoun the poynts of his office.

ITEM, Becaus the burch of Thayne hes sent na commissioner to this present conventioun, ather to intreatt of the effairis of thair estaitt, or zet to ansuer to the complaynt of Innernes, and for exhibitoun of their erectioun in ane frie burch and thair rycht thair of, Ordanis the burch quhair the nixt conventioun beis haldin to remember thame heirof in thair mis-siues, and to warne the said burch of Thayne to compeir at the said nixt conventioun to the effect foirsaidis, with certificatioun, gif thai failzie, thai sall neuer be repute ane frie burch nor haif voitt amangis thame, And

Vnfrie traffiquers.

Cruives and zairis. Hakkett conservatour.

Innernes, Thayne.

that this citatioun may the better cum to thair eares, ordanis the said lettir or missiue and wairning to be delyuerit to Innernes, and thai to se thame dewly wairnit, and tak witnes heirvpoun, and report the sam to the said nixt conventioun, And the said commissioner of Innerness protestit that the placing of Thayne in the taxt rollis of the said burchis mak thame nocht thairfoir to be ane frie burch gif thai haif na vther rycht, and that the sam preiuge thame nocht in thair actioun aganis Thayne.

Edinburgh
xijs merk.
Foullertoun.

ITEM, The saidis haill commissioners of burrowes quhilk wer present and convenit in the towne of Edinburgh, except the commissioners following, fyndis the haill burrowes to be addettit to the said burch of Edinburgh in the sowme of twelf hundreth merkis for dyuers commoun effaires of the burrowes, principally for the sowmes debursitt for Adame Fullertoun's expenssis to Ingland, conforme to sindry acts in sindry conventiouns maid at sindry tymes heirtfoir, and thairfoir hes willinglie votit and consentit to reimburs, content, and pay the sam to the said burch for thair pairtis thairof, according to the taxt rolls of burrowes. The burchis dissentand heirt to are Montros, Selkirk, Cowpar, Carraill, and Rugglein, and Perth.

Innernes
excyse boll.

ITEM, Anent the act of the last conventioun, quhair it wes complenit of Innernes for taiking the excyse boll of frie burgessis, for anything schawin or product be the said burch the haill commissioners of burrowes dischargeis thame in all tyme cuming of taking of the said excyse boll of any maner of guids pertening to the burges of ane frie burch, without it be fund that the said burch of Innernes haif guid rycht thairto be the lawes of the Maiestie, as wes alleget be thair commissioner thame to haif.

Vigesimo primo Aprilis I^m. V^c. lxxxj^o.

Vnfrie craftis-
men in suburbs
of burrowes.

THE QUHILK DAY, it being desyret be the commissioners of Perth that sum remeid mycht be fund and devysitt aganis the vnfrie craftismen werking and dwelling in the suburbs of thair burch, and dyuers vtheris burrowes of the realme, to the greitt hurt of the frie craftismen berand chairges within the burch, the commissioners presentlie convenit ordanis the same to be rememberit in the articles to be gevin in to the nixt parliament, and to the conventioun quhilk will preceid the samyn, and in the

meanetyne that ilk burch be diligent to serche and try thair richts and priueleges that may withstand this greit innormity, as thai wald schaw thame selffis cairfull of thair awin estaitt and weilfair.

ITEM, Quhair it wes menit and proponit be the burch of Edinburgh that thai ar suirly aduertist be the factoures of Deip that the King of France intendis to raise ane new impost vpoun all Scotts clayth arrivand within his dominionis, and schew the said factoures bill direct to thame thair-anent, Quhilk being oppinly red, and the preiudice thair to follow thair-vpoun considerit and weyit, thai ordane the commissioners of burrowes appoyntit to gif in the supplicatioun concerning the acts and penalteis, and concerning Maister George Hakkett, amangs the rest to meane this mater to the Kings Grace, and to seik his Hienes avyse and help for remeid heiroyf in tyme.

ITEM, Anent the supplicatioun gevin in for the pairt of the skipperis and awners of schips of the burch of Dundie desyryng the articles vnder-written to be eikit to the acts of burrowes maid anent the scatting and lotting for pilleit and cassin guids, to wit, that gif it sall happin any schip to be laidin furch of France or Flanders with Rowane or Flanderis wairis and siclyke coistlie guidis and merchandice, and the schip to be pilleit be pirats, in that case that the schip be nocht haldin to scatt or contribute, but onely hir fraucht, Alsua gif ane schip cumand fra Bur-deaulx beis pilleit in hir veyage, that it sall be in the optioun of the gevar quhiddir the schip or fraucht sall contribute with the guids pilleit, Als if it sall happin the appareling and geir of the schip, as ankers, caibills, saillis, ordinance, or ony vther geir pertening to the schip, or airmour being thairin for defence of the merchants guids, to be pilleit and taikin, the schip and guids to be haldin togidder to contribute with the same, Attour gif it happinis any schip laidin or licht to be constraynit, be tempest or vehemencie of wedder, or be men of weir, to be putt vpoun the schoir for saifty of the schip, merchants guids, and mennis lyves, in that case the schip and merchants guids togidder to contribute all damage and skayth that happinis to fall thairthrow, And gif it happinis ony merchant or mariner to be hurt or mutilate in defence of the schip and guids, in that respect uniuersall contributioun to be had of the hail schip and guids to the support of that persoun hurt or mutilat; as at lenth is contenit in the said supplicatioun. The commissioneris pre-

New impost on
clayth in
France.

Skippers of
Dundie.
Pilleit guids.

sentlie assemblit declaris this to be ane new mater quhairof thai haif nocht the ayse and ansuer of thair burrowes, and thairfor continewis thair ansuer heirto to the nixt conventioun, and ordanis the sam to be rememberit in the missiues to be direct befor the said conventioun.

Elgein, Forest,
Nairne. Com-
missioners.
Vnlawes.

ITEM, In consideratioun of the supplicatioun gevin in for the pairt of the burchis of Elgein, Forest, and Nairne, mening the far distance of thair burchis and poverty of thair commoun rents to merite fauour in thair bypast vnlawes for non comperance, and desyryng that vther burchis may haif thair vote in tymes to cum, Fyndes the vnlaw of Elgein to be disponit in the last conventioun, and thairfore can nocht now be retreittit. As for the rest, thai remitt and dischaige to thame thair vnlawes of this present conventioun and all vther conventionis bypast, thay schawand thair diligence in amendement for tyme to cum, bot declairis thai will on na wayes alter the ordour to suffer ane burch to haif the voitt of ane vther absent.

Captiues in
Maroco.

ITEM, For compt to be had of the imployment of the money collectit for redemptioun of the captiues in Maroco, thai ordane Maister Patrik Quhytelaw, being present, to speik the Clerk of Register and inquirye of his lordschip quha hes ressauit the sam, that forther ordour may be tayne thairanent, and the same bestowit to the vse quhairfor it wes collectit, or ellis randerit thame.

Dundie.
Perth.

ITEM, The commissioners presentlie assemblit beand chargeit be delyuerance of the Secreitt Counsale to decyde the questioun of priority in place betuixt Perth and Dundie befor the dissoluing of this present conventioun, vnder paynes of horning, and with certificatioun letteris suld be direct simpliciter, and the sam beand veray hard to do in respect of the interloquitur befor rehersit, the commissioneris of Perth being instantlie requeistit to stand content with the first ansuer, and refusand the samyn, bot at last offerand to abyde thairat gif the priority suld be grantit to thame quhill the questioun were decydet, but preiudice of Dundy, Stirling, or any vther partie contendant, and the commissioners for Dundy alluterly dissentand heirto. Baith the saidis pairteis beand remouit, the mater votit and debaittit, and thai incallit agane, the commissioners of burrowes foresaidis, for feir of the said horning and to eschew the samyn, for the maist pairt votis and concludes and als decernis and ordanis the burch of Perth to haif the priority and first place before the burch of

Dundie quhill the nixt parliament or conventioun of estaitts, and quhill the questioun be decydit be the saidis estaitts or Kings Grace and Lordis of Secreitt Counsale, Prouyding alwayes that the sam nawayes preiuge the said burch of Dundie in thair richt and title to the said priority na mair not gif this present ordinance had neuer bene maid votit or concludit. And that the burrowes be na forther troublit with this thair debaitt and contrauersy, vtherwayes thai will euery ane of thame to be in thair awin wontit place, and that pairt of the former interloquitur to stand. And the saidis commissioners of Dundie alluterly dissentit heirto as before, protesting for remeid, and desyring the mater to be decydit aither as it wes first concludit, or ellis conforme to the act of parliament and act of the last conventioun of burrowes; And William Norwell, commissioner of Stirling, protestit that the sam preiuge nocht thame anent the secund place nixt Edinburgh quhilk he allegeit to pertene to thame, and siclyke that it preiuge nocht the decisioun of this mater for the pairt of thair burch as it wes ordanit be act of parliament. Attour the commissioners of Abirdene, Linlithqu, Lanrik, Haddingtoun, Cowper, and divers of the remanent burrowes protestit that the premissis preiuge nocht thair burchis in the places quhilk thai merite as mair ancient nor the burchis contendand, as thai allegeit, and heirvpoun askit instrumentis.

ITEM, The saidis haill commissionares affirmes ratefeis and appreis the haill acts and constitutionis of the last conventioun haldin at Abirdene, with all claussis and articles contenit thairin, swa far as thai ar consonant to the acts and articles of this present conventioun, and ordanis the sam to be obseruit and kept in all tymes cuming.

Approbatioun
of the acts in
the last con-
uentioun.

ITEM, Thai adiuge and decerne the burrowes vnderwrittin, and euery ane of thame, to haif incurrit and to incur the payne and vnlaw of threttie pund for thair absence and contumacie from the present conventioun, thai beand lawfully wairnit thairto, that is to say the burrowis of Rothesay, Ranfrew, Air, Erwin, Kirkcudbrycht, Wigtoun, Quhithorn, Iedburch, Dunfreis, Banff, Brechein, Abirbrothok, Sanctandris, Culane, Thayne

Vnlawing of
the burrowes
absent.

And thairfore ordanis the saidis vnlawes to be vpplitit with all rigour, conforme to the acts of burrowes maid thairanent, be the burrowis appoyntit thairto in thair quarters of the realme, and thai to be ansuerabill and comptabill vpoun thair diligence thairfore,

vnder the payne of payment of the sam of thair awin purssis at the nixt conventioun.

Nixt conventioun.

ITEM, The haill commissioners presently convenit hes with ane consent and assent affixit and appoyntit the nixt conventioun of burrowes to be haldin in the burch quhair the nixt parliament of the haill estaitts beis sett, gif ony beis, within ane zeir nixt heirefter, and ordanis that burch of the parliament to mak lawfull wairning to the burrowes to convene within thair burch sex dayes at the leist befor the day of the parliament, vnder the payne and vnlawes contenit in the acts of burrowis; And gif na parliament beis sett within ane zeir, thai haif agreitt, votit, and consentit the nixt conventioun of burrowes to be haldin within the burch of Perth, and to begyn the aucht day of Maij in the zeir of God j^m v^c lxxxij^o zeris, and ordanis the said burch of Perth to mak lawfull wairning to the remanent burrowes as vse is, and to remember in their mis-siues the heids and articles presently appoyntit to be rememberit resonit and concludit in the said nixt conventioun, that ilk burch may cum instructit with the information of thair nichtbouris in the saidis articles.

Pettinveme.

ITEM, Vpoun the complaynt of the commissioner of Pittenweme, berand that in all extents the counsale of thair burch omittis thame-selffis thair freinds and the maist substantialious men, and lays the chairges on the puir, Ordanis the baillies and counsale of the said burch to follow the ordour of all the remanent burrowes in chesing of thair extentouris and setting of thair extenttis in tyme cuming, swa that thai pretermitt nane that awcht to beir chairges according to thair substance but feid or fauour, according to thair conscience and knowledge, as thai will ansuer vpoun thair allegiance vnto oure Souerane Lord and remanent burrowes of this realme.

Guthre.

ITEM, The said commissioners of burrowes assignis and disponis to Maister Alexander Guthre, clerk of this present conventioun, for his lawbour and paynis, the sowm of threttie pund to be tane of the reddiest of the vnlawes of the burrowes absent fra this present conventioun, and of ony of thame that he sall lyke best to cheise, and failzeand of ane, to cheise ane vther, quhill he gett payment of the said sowme.

Alex¹ Clark of Balbirnye pro-
vest of Edinburch.

Henrie Charteris.

Dauid Petersone baillie of Cow-
per.

Ihone Annand provest of Elgin.

W ^m Norwell for Stirlyng.	Donald Cunynhame bailze of
Dionus Conquerour.	Dumbertane.
Henry Adamson.	Villame Boncle commissioner
Willeam Cuthbert for Innernes.	of Dumbar.
Iohnne Hay.	Dauid Ramsay belle of Craill.
Stewin Martyne for Pettinwem.	Gawin Wilkin.
Iohne Grahame.	Archbalt Maluile for Dysart.
M ^r Henry Gibson scripsit.	William Wilkin.
William Browne for Hadding-	Andro Ker for Linlythqu.
toun.	

IN the conventioun or parliament of burrowes haldin and begun at Edinburgh the xvij day of October I^m V^c lxxxj^o zeiris and contenewand to the xxvj day thair of, Comperit the commissioneris of burrowes vnder specefeit and gaif in thair commissionis, pairtlie vnder thair seill of caus, and pairtlie vnder the subscriptioun of thair commoun clerk of thair burrowes, to wit; for Edinburgh, Alexander Clark of Balbirny prouest, Robert Ker zounger baillie, and Maister Ihoun Prestoun; for Air, Robert Iamesoun; for Dunfermeling, William Wilkyn; for Hadingtoun, William Broun provest, James Ramsay; for Selkirk, Gawin Wilkyn; for Cowper in Fyfe, Iames Petersoun dene of gild; for Dunbar, Moreis Lawder; for Kingorn, Iohne Kirkcaldy, Ihonn Boswell; for Kirkcaldy, Alexander Daltzell; for Lanerk, William Wylkyne, Thomas Gray; for Thayne, Andro Rysie; for Fores, Thomas Vrquhart; for Innernes, William Baillie prouest; for Northbervick, Ihone Spens; for Abirbrothok, Dauid Peirsoun; for Dysart, Walter Scott, George Crystiesoun; for Elgein, Ihone Annand prouest; for Perth, Henry Adamesoun, Dyoneis Conquerour, Maister Patrick Quhitelaw; for Renfrew, Ihone Knox, Ihone Iaksoun; for Montrose, Robert Leichtoun; for Lawder, Androw Lawder zounger; for Linlithqw, Androw Ker.

Apud Edinburgh xx Octobris I^m V^c lxxxj^o.

Anent the
money collect-
et for the cap-
tives in Ma-
roco.

THE QUHILK DAY the commissioneris of burrowes presentlie convenit, vnderstanding that thair wes dyvers greitt sowmes of money vpliftit of the burrowes be umquhill Androw Buk in Aberdene, to haif bene imployet for redemptioun of certane of oure natioun lyand in miserabill captiue vnder the Turk at Argiers, and zett nather ar thai redemit nor compt maid of the said money, Thairfore thai ordane Maister Patrik Quhytelaw and Ihone Broun, in Edinburgh, to persew the airis and intronetteris with the guidis of the said vnquhill Andro for compt, rekning, and payment to be maid to thame of the said sowm in name of the haill burrowis, gevand thame thair full power and commissioun thairto be thir presents, with power to vplift and ressaue the said money, and thai comptabill thairfor, and the expenssis maid be thame to be allowit in the first end of the said sowm, provyding thai accept, nor do nathing heirinto by the avyse and consent of the prouest and baillies and counsale of Edinburgh, quhome thai will and desyreis to fortifie and assist the saidis persouns in persuit of the said caus.

At Edinburgh xxj^o. Octobris I^m. V^c lxxxj^o.

Burgessis :
Sailleris

THE QUHILK DAY the foresaidis commissioners of burrowes, for suppress- ing of the greitt multitude of owkland burgessis, conforme to dyvers acts maid thairvpoun of before, Ordanis that ilk burch within the realme call in before thame the saidis persouns be thair names in particulare, and depryve thame of thair liberty, and at the nixt conventioun bring and produce ane sufficient and attentik rolment and decreitt of court gevin aganis thame to that effect, contening particular names, that thai may be knawin to ilk burch and vsit heirafter as vnfriemen ; And siclyk that the acts maid of befor anent gevin of tikketis to all saillers to vther cuntreyes be inviolablie obseruit and putt to executioun, with this additioun, that in all burchis quhair thair is ane dene of gild na tikkett nor testimoniall be gevin bot sic as sall be subscriuet be the dene of gild and clerk of the burch, and quhair thair is na dene of gild to be subscriuet be the baillies of the towne and clerk thair of, all vther testimonialles to mak na fayth,

and that thai be gevin only to sic as actually remanis within the burch, walking wairding scatting and lotting and beiring all vther chairges within the said burch and resident within the samyn, and to na vtheris. And their testimoniallis to be renewet and tayne of new be ilk frieman swa aft as he saillis, and the awld to mak na vther fayth bot for that vayage allanerly. Quhilk new testimoniallis thai will at ilk tyme to be presentit and schawin to the conseruatour be sic as passis in Flanderis, quhome thai ordane being personallie present to serche and trye furth diligentlie of all sic persouns as traffiques and saillis without ane testimonial, conforme to the act of parliament maid be King James the Fift, and xxvij act thairof, in all poynts, and to sequestratt thair guidis, and aduerteis the towne quhairfra thai come, that forther ordour may be tane with the saidis personis.

ITEM, Thai ordane the discharge obtenit be Capitane Cokburne of the ten sowlz quhilk wes vpliftit at Burdealx of ilk twyn wyne, quhilk thai vnderstand to be in the handis of the burch of Edinburgh, to be insert and registrat in this present buik, and maid patent to all that sall haif ado thairwith.

Capitane
Cokburn
x sowlz.
Edinburgh.

ITEM, The saidis commissioners fyndes the burch of Innernes to haif na rycht to vplift the excyse boll of frie burgessis, nochtwithstanding the Lawes of the Maiesty, quhilk wes presently schawin be the commissioner of Innernes, and red oppinly, and contenit nathing that mycht mak for thame.

Innernes.
Excysse boll.

xxiiij^o. Octobris I^m. V^c. lxxxj^o.

ITEM, The saidis commissioners fyndes and declairis the burrowes vnderwritin and euery ane of thame to haif incurrit and to incur the payne and vnlaw of xxx li. for thair contumacie and absence fra this present conventioun, thay beand cytit and wairnit thairto be the missiues direct to that effect, that is to say, Innerkething, Stirling, Rothesay, Dunbartane, Ruglein, Irrewyne, Glasqw, Kirkcudbrycht, Wigtoun, Quhithorne, Jedburgh, Dunfreis, Dundy, Bamff, Carraill, Forfar, Sanctandrois, Brechein, Culane, Nairne, Pettinweyme. And thairfore ordanis the said payne and vnlawes to be vpliftit with diligence conforme to the acts maid thairanent of befor.

Vnlawing the
burrowes
absent.

xxiiij^o. Octobris I^m. V^c. lxxxj^o.

Generall iadge. ITEM, Anent the act of burrowes maid at Edinburgh in October 1579 tuicheing the iadge of guidis nocht of the twn mesour, ratefeis and approvis the sam in all poynts; and ordanis Edinburgh to caus mak ane generall iadge, and to report the sam to the nixt conventioun.

Captives of Maroco. ITEM, Being enterit of new in resouning concerning the captiues at Argieris, In presence of the conseruatour, referris vnto him to trye and inquiry gif thai be for lyfe or nocht, quhat pairt thai ar in to, and quhat sowmes may be redeme thame, and to report the sam to the burch of Edinburgh with diligence. Lykewyes ordanis the prouest of Abirdene beand present to gett knawledge of the sowmes vpliftit be vmquhill Andro Buk and his airis, and siclyke Edinburgh to inquiry of the speciall sowmes delyuerit to Michael Gilbert, and Maister James Lowsoun, And this to be reportit to the nixt conventioun, agane the quhilk tyme thai continew all forther ordour to be tane in this mater.

xxiiij^o Octobris I^m. V^c. lxxxj^o.

Perth Dundie. ITEM, The commissioners of burrowes foresaids and vndersubscryvand, anent the contrauersie betuix the burchis of Perth and Dundie twicheing the dignity and priority of place, quhair it wes desyrit be Alexander Scrymgeour, for the pairty of the said burch of Dundie, that the said questioun wer zitt decydet be the saidis commissioners at this present conventioun, conforme to the act of parliament maid anent ranking and placeing of burrowes, Dyones Conquerour and Henry Adamsoun commissioners for Perth being lykewyis present, the said mater resonit and votitt, the parteis remouit and incallit agane, All in ane voce ratefeis and approvis the last act maid heiranent in the conventioun haldin at Edinburgh the xxj of Aprile last, and zitt as before fyndes, decernis, and declairis the said burch of Perth to haif and bruik the priority and first place before the said burch of Dundie quhill this present parliament, and quhill the said questioun be decydet be the Estaitts, the Kings Grace, and Lordis of Secreitt Counsale, to quhome the said debaitt is remittit,

conforme to the said act in all poynts ; Quhairvpoun the saidis commissioners of Perth askit instruments, And the said Alexander Scrymgeour dissassented heirto, allegeing the said questioun nocht to be decydet conforme to the said act of parliament, and thairfore protestit for remeid of law, Alswa William Norwell commissioner for Stirling protestit that the premissis suld nocht preiuge his burch anent the priority and dignity of the secund place to voit nixt Edinburgh, quhilk he allegeit to pertene to the sam, and thairvpoun askit instrumentis, And in lykemaner, Gilbert Meinzeis, provest and commissioner for Abirdene, protested that this act suld nocht preiuge the said tovne anentis the prioritie of the thrid place, and dissassented to the former actis maid betuix Perth and Dondie thairanent.

ITEM, The saidis commissioners hes affixit and appoyntit the nixt ¹conventionioun to be begun and haldin at Perth the fyftein day of Iune nixt, in the zeir of God I^m V^c lxxxij zeiris, and continewis the materis lyand ower and nocht presently decydet to the said conventionioun. And ordanis the said burch of Perth be thair missiues to mak aduertisement to the remanent burrowes in dew tyme, and to remember thame to bring sufficient power and informatioun to vote and conclude in speciall vpoun the said caussis depending, to sie that the hail burchis be lawfullie wairnit, the wairnings at the said conventionioun dewlie instructit and verefeit, that the absents may be vnlawet, and thair vnlawes collectit and vpliftit with regour.

Vigesimo quinto Octobris 1581.

ITEM, The foirsaidis commissioneris of burrowis, anent the ten sturis of ilk sek of gudes grantit of befoir to Henry Nesbett for his expenssis in establisching the staipill at Campheir, and vplifted be my Lord Conseruatour thir zeris bygane, and his particular comptes thair of being hard sene and avysitlie considerit, and the said Henry Nesbett being payitt of the sovme of tuenty four pundis greitt thair of for his expenssis foirsaidis, Fyndis the said conseruatour to be restand awand to the burrowis of this realme, of the said dewtie, the sovme of four scoir li. greitt, Flemis money, zitt be gude occasionis, and for gude service done and to be

done, they frielie remitt and dischairgis to the said conseruatour the said sovme of four scoir pundis greitt in all tyme cuming, and als for his obtening of certan writis evidentis and privilegis granted be the King of Spayne vnder his greit seill, for the weillfair of the Scotis natioun, quhilkis he hes in his handis.

Conseruatour. ITEM, In consideratioun of gude service foirsaid done and to be done be the said conseruatour, and for his mair honorabill sustentatioun according to the dignitie of his office, frielie and of thair awin accord, all in ane voce grantis and consentis that the said conseruatour sall tak and resave of ilk sek of gudis arryvand at thair staipill in Flanderis furth of this realme, the sovme of tuelff stures, quhairof aucht stures of the merchandice, and the vther four stures of the schip and company, begynnand the payment of the said dewtie of tuelff stures of ilk sek of gudes foirsaidis at Mertymes nixtt, and fra thyne to endure for the space of ane zeir nixtt thairefter alanerlie, And dischairgis the said conseruatour, being personalie present, of all taking of ony vther dewtie of ony schippis and gudes arryving as said is, specialie of the ten stures granted to Henry Nesbett, together with the vther dewtie of sax and twa stures granted to the said conseruatour of befor, sua saifand and reseruand to him alanerlie the said dewtie of tuelff stures befor mentionat.

Alex^r Clark provest.

Robert Ker zoungar bailzie.

M^r Iohn Prestoun.

Henry Adamson, Perth.

Dionis Conquerour.

Andro Ker for Linlithqw.

Robert Iamesone for Ayr.

Ihone Bowsy for Carell.

Ihone Barclay for Pittinvein.

Ihone Craill for Forfar.

William Wilkin for Lanark.

Iohne Knox for Renfrew.

Perth.

IN the conventioun of burrowis haldin at Perth the xv, xvj, xvij, xix, xx, xxj, xxij, and xxijj dayis of Iunij the zeir of God I^m V^c four scoir twa zeiris comperit the commissioneris of burrowis quhais names followis, and producit thair commissionis, pairtlie vnder the seillis of thair burghis, and pairtly subscriuit be thair commoun clerkis, viz, for Edinburgh, Henry Chairteris baillie, Androw Sklater and Iohne Ihounstoun; Perth, Maister Patrik Quhytelaw of Newgrange, Henry Adamsoun, Dioneis Conquerour,

Oliver Peiblis; for Dondie, Alexander Ramsay, Alexander Wedderburn and Alexander Scrymgeour; Striveling, Williame Norowell, Duncan Leicheman; Abirdené, Alexander Culane; Linlithqu, Androw Kar; Air, George Cocheran; Glasqu, Iohne Lindesay; Hadingtoun, Iohne Aytoun; Cowpar, Iames Andersoun; Montrois, Williame Murray; Abirbrothik, Maister Archibald Peirsoun; Sanctandrois, Maister Williame Cok; Innernes, Williame Baillie, proveist; Dumfreis, Mathow Diksoun, Williame Gledstanis; Dunfermeling, Iohnn Boisswell, Robert Pawtoun; Craill, Williame Annand; Briechean, Daud Dempstar; Disartt, Alexander Cristesoun; Dumbar, Robert Lauder; Laneark, Williame Daudsoun; Renfrow, Henry Fynnesoun; Pettinweme, Stevin Martyne; Kingorn, Iohne Kirkaldy, Williame Boisswell; Innerkething, Williame Blackburn; Kirkcaldy, Alexander Dalzell.

Decimo octauo Iunij 1582.

THE QUHILK DAY, it being cum to the knowlege of the commission-
 eris of burrowis abouewrittin, that in diuers and sindry tounis quhair
 the merchantis of this realme resoirtis within the dominionis of France,
 thair is dyueris new customes exactionis and imposts raisit to the grit
 hurt of the saidis merchantis resortand thairto, as said is, and in speciall
 within the toune of Deip, For remeid quhair of it is thocht expedient
 statute and ordanit be the commissionaris foirsaidis, that the commission-
 eris of the burghis of Edinburgh, Striueling, Perth, Dondie, Abirdene,
 Sanctandrois, and Cowpar geve in to the Kingis Maiestie and Lordis of
 his Hienes Secreit Counsall, at the conventioun to be baldin at the said
 burgh of Perth the last day of this instant Iunij, ane supplicatioun in all
 thair names for his Hienes support to the doungetting and dischairging of
 the customes exactions and imposts abouementionat; Efter the ansuer
 quhair of that the magistratis of the burgh of Edinburgh foirsaid send ane
 of thair maist honest and substantiall burgessis, ane merchant and
 traffequair, to pas to the King of France for seiking be all meins possi-
 bill of ane dischairge of the customes exactionis and imposts foirsaidis,
 For making of the quhilk commissioneris expenssis to be sent as said is
 to the pairtis abouewritten, thay all in ane voce grantis and consentis

Extent of Im-
 marks for
 sending of ane
 commissioner
 to France to
 get the new
 customes and
 imposts dis-
 chairgit.

that ane generall extent of ane thowsand merkis be sett vpliftit and raisit be the said burgh of Edinburgh in their names of the hail borrowis of this realme betuix and the feist of Lambmes nixtt, and that executori-allis of horning vpoun ane simple charge of sax dayis warning pas vpoun the burrowis refusand to pay thair pairts of the said extentt at the day prefixtt, And incais the said extentt be sett and vplifted be the said burgh of Edinburgh, and nocht bestowit be thame vpoun the commissioner to be sent to France, as said is, in that cais the said burgh of Edinburgh to mak the samyn furthcumand to the burrowis at thair nixtt conventioun, quhairsoever it salbappiu thame to convene.

Custodie of the
generall buke
gevin to
Edinburgh.

ITEM, Efter lang resonying vpoun the custodie of the generall buke of burrowis, contenyng the hail lawis actis and constitutionis maid be thair predecessouris in tynes past, quhilk buke was presented to the commissioneris foirsaidis be Ihoun Guthre clark, wrytar thair of, conforme to ane act of continuatioun maid thairvpoun in thair conventioun haldin at Edinburgh the xvij day of Apryle 1581, thay all in ane voce fyndis and delyueris thatt the said burgh of Edinburgh salhave the samyn in keping induring the saidis burrowis willis alanerlie, and that the samyn in all tyme cumyng be brocht be the commissioneris of the said burgh of Edinburgh to euery seuerall conventioun of burrowis parliament or estaitis of this realme, quhairsoever the samyn beis haldin, And becaus the wanting of the said buke hes bene in tynes past the cawse of greitt ignorance and confusioun amangis the maist pairtt of the hail burrowis of this realme, and to the effect they may the better be acknawledgitt of sic lawis and constitutionis as hes bene maid be thair predecessouris for the weilfair of thair estait in tyme bygane, Thairfoir they statute and ordane thatt the said burgh of Edinburgh, or thair clarkis depute be thame, sall mak and delyver to everye burgh, sutand the extract or copy of the said buke, ane buke of the same self volume, contenyng the hail lawis and constitutionis of burrowis mentionat thairin to the desolving of this present conventioun alanerlie, and that the saidis clarkis, wrytar thair of, salhave ten merkis for euery ane of the samyn, attour incais ony of the burrowis foirsaidis haif ado heirefter with the extract of ony particular act or protestatioun contenitt in the said buke, that the samyn be delyueritt to thame be the saidis clarkis for payment of thre schillingis four penneis ilk pece alanerlie, and for the extract of the hail actis of

ony seuerall actis maid at ilk conuentioun threttene schillings iiijd, And siclyke, vnderstanding the said Ihonn Guthre as zit nocht to be payitt of the sovme of twenty pundis, promiseist to him be the commissioneris conuenitt at Abirdene in the moneth of Iulij 1580, for his paynis and travell tane in wryting of the said generall buke, naither to have resauitt the sovme of twenty merkis inlykemaner promiseist to him for his paynis and travell tane for suting, writing, and forming of the comptes of the boulzeoun, and vther seruices done be him to thair predecessouris of befoir, Thairfoir they ordane the provest baillies and counsall of the said burgh of Edinburgh, and thair thesauraris, havaris in thair handis of the toвне off Sanctmonanis pairtt of the extent of the said boulzeoun, extending to four scoir twa pundis twa schillingis sax penneis, to delyuer and pay to the said Ihonn Guthre, of the first and rediest thairof, the saidis sovmes of twenty pundis and twenty merkis extending in the haill to fifty merkis, for the causis abouewrittin, and this present act and ordinance salbe thair warrand, And incais the said toвне of Sanctmynanis pairt of the boulzeoun be alrady vtherways disponit on, in thatt cais they fynd and delyuer the said Ihonn Guthre salbe payitt of the sovmes abouementionatt off the first and reddiest of the said boulzeoun extentt butt delay.

ITEM, The commissioneris of burrowis foirsaidis vnderstanding that thair was dyueris and greitt sovmes of money vplifted for the burrowis of this realme, be dyueris and sindry collectouris appoynted thairto, for releif of certan Scottismen lyand in miserabill captiuitie vnder the Turk att Argeris, and zitt nather ar they redemit nor compte maid of the said money be the havaris thairof in thair handis, Thairfoir thai ordane the provest baillies and counsall of the burgh of Edinburgh, in thair names, to persew all and quhatsumever personis, havaris of or detenaris of the saidis sovmes of money, for compte, reknyng and payment to be maid to thame of the samyn in name of the burrowis foirsaidis, and grantis and gevis to the saidis provest baillies and counsall of the burgh of Edinburgh, or ony vtheris quhome they sall depute to thatt effect, thair full power and commissioun to vplift, crave, and resave the saidis sovmes of money, and they to be comptabill thairfoir, and the expenssis to be maid be thame in the persute and recouery thairof to be allowitt in the first end of the saidis sovmes.

Commissioun to Edinburgh to persew for the syluer gotten for releif of the prisoneris in Argeris.

Skipperis sailing furth of the realme to resave nane in thair schips butt testimoniallis.

ITEM, Ratefeis and appreis the act and statute maid at Edinburgh

the xx day of October 1581, quhairby it was statute and ordanitt thatt ilk burgh within this realme, the dene of gild and clark thair of, suld geve testimoniallis vnder thair subscriptionis to all saillaris out of the cuntry, and quhair thair is na dene of gild to be subscryuit be the baillies and clark thair of, and all vtheris testimoniallis to haif na fayth; and thatt the samyn be gevin only to sic as actually remanis and hes thair residence within frie burrowis, walking, wairding, scatting, liotting, and bering all vther maner of portabill charges with the saidis burghis, and to nane vtheris, and thir testimoniallis to be renewitt and tane of new be ilk frieman and saillar sua oft as he saillis, and the auld to mak na fayth bot for ane veyage alanerlie, quhilk new testimoniallis they will at ilk tyme to be presented to the conseruator be sic as passis in Flanderis, quhome they ordane, than being personallie present, to serche and try furth diligentlie all sic personis as traffecquis and saillis butt testimoniallis, conforme to the xxvij act of parliament maid be King Iames the Fyft, and to sequestrat thair gudes, and to aduerteis the tovyne quhairfra they come thatt further ordour may be tane with the saidis personis; with this additioun thatt na maner of skipper att ony tyme heirefter tak vpoun hand to resave in his schip ony maner of personis in traffecque of merchandise without ane speciall testimoniall, as said is, be had of the personis abouewrittin, vnder the payne of payment of the sovme of twenty pundis, and tynsall of his friedome ilk frie skipper, and of ilk vnfrie skipper fourty pundis, sa oft as they salbe found contravenand this presentt ordinance, and that ilk vnfrie skipper, befor his departing furth of the realme att ilk veyage fynd ane honest and substantiall frieman within the burgh or sea poirtt quhair he laidis caution for observing of this presentt ordinance vnder the paynis foirsaidis; And ordanis the magistratis of ilk burgh and sea poirtt within this realme to se this act and statute putt to dew executioun in all poyntis, and to vplift the vnlawis abouewrittin of ilk persoun contravenand the samyn butt favouris, with certificatioun to thame and they failzie or beis found negligentt heirin, they sall incur the double payne contenitt heirin.

Registrating
discharge ten
solz in Bur-
dealx.

The samyn day they ordane, zitt as of befor, the discharge obtenit be Capitane Cokburn of the ten solz quhilk was vplifted at Burdealx of ilk tun of wyne, quhilk they vnderstand to be in the handis of the burgh of

Edinburgh, to be insert and registrat in this presentt buke, and maid patent to all sic as salhave ado thairwith.

ITEM, Anent the act of burrowis maid at Edinburgh in October 1579 Edinburgh to mak ane ledge. tuiching the ledge of gudes of the tun mesour, Ratefeis and appreis the samyn in all poyntis, and zitt as of befor ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to mak ane generall ledge, and to repoynt the samyn to the nixt conventioun, and to thatt effect gevis and disponis to the said towne of Edinburgh the vnlaw of the burgh of Peiblis for thair absence fra this presentt conventioun.

The samyn day ratifeis and appreis the act maid att Abirdene in Iulij 1580, anent pakking peilling the bind of salmond barrellis, birnyng Pakking and peilling. and marking thair of, and to have full execution in all tymes cuming.

ITEM, The commissioneris foirsaidis ratefeis and appreis the act and statute maid at Sanctandros, in the conuentioun haldin thairatt in the zeir of God 1570, anentt the rasing of letteris be euery frie burgh within thair awin iurisdiction vpoun sic as pakkis and peillis outwith frie burrowis, and in sic caissis to put thair awin actis and statutis foundit vpoun the act of parliament and conforme to thair liberties and privileges to dew executioun, vnder the payne of twenty pundis to be collected and vptaikin of euery burgh that faillis to do the samyn; And becaus the vplifting of the said vnlaw hes bene still, sen the said zeir of God 1570, ouersene be the collectouris appoynted thairto the tyme foirsaid, quhairby the said act is left unexecute, to the greitt hurtt and detrimentt of all the frie burrowis within this realme, Thairfoir, as of befor, for collecting and vptaking of the said payne and vnlaw of all burrowis negligent heirin, from Carrenmouth to Bervik, they nominatt and appoynt, for the burgh of Edinburgh, Hary Smyth, gif the said Hary will accept the samyn, vtherwayis the magistratis of the said towne of Edinburgh at thair discretioun to cheis ane vther in his roome; from Carranmouth throw the haill west partis, David Craufurde in Air, and Mathow Fallowsdail in Dumbartan, and incais they refuse, the magistratis of the said tovnis to cheis ane vther; from Alloway to the watter of Tay athortt the haill coist syde, Stevin Martyne; from Tay to Spay, Iames Carmichaell burges of Dondy, and incais of his refuse sic vther as the magistratis thair of sall pleis appoynt; and from Spay north, William Baillie provest of Innerness; And thatt the saidis vnlawes be vplifted of

the burrowis failling, be the personis aboue expremitt immediatlie efter the intimatioun and publicatioun of this present ordinance ; And grantis and consentis that letteris be obtenit befor the Lordis of oure Souerane Lordis Sessioun to mak the saidis collectouris obeyitt of the saidis sovmes, vnder sic paynis as they think gude, Provyding alwayes that the saidis collectouris nominatt or to be nominatt mak compte and rekning to the commissioneris of burrowis at euery conuentionis of sic sovmes as it salhappin thame to resave, vnder the payne of payment of twenty pundis, ilkane of thame, sua oft as they failzie, to be vplifted of thame but fauouris, and the magistratis of the burrowis quhairin they duell to be ansuerabill thairfoir.

xxij Iunij 1582.

Commissioun
to certan bur-
rowis to resoun
with the King
anent the new
customis.

ITEM, The commissioneris fairsaidis appoyntis the commissioneris of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondy, Abirdene, Striveling, Air, Sanctandrois, Cowpar, Glasqu, Hadingtoun, Dysart, and Kirkcaldy to convene quhair and quhen it sall pleis the Kingis Maiestie to command, to haif the difference betuix his Hienes and burrowis of this realme anent the new custome rollis intreittit vpon, with full power to the saidis commissioneris to conclude thairin as to the weifair of the estaitis of the saidis burrowis salbe be thame thochtt maist expedientt, Promesand to hald ferme and staibill all and quhatsumever thing the saidis commissioneris, or ony aucht of thame, sall think neidfull in the premissis to be done ; with certificatioun to euery ane of the tuelff burrowis in generall, nochtt convenand, aduerteisment being maid to thame be the said burgh of Perth, that they and euery ane of thame sall incur the payne and vnlaw of tuentie pundis to be vplifted of thame but fauouris.

Perth to wryte
the burrowis
ansuer to the
King.

ITEM, They ordain the said burgh of Perth, in thair names, to direct ane missive to the Kingis Maiestie, quhairby his Hienes may vnderstand thair myndes in the mater abouewrittin, according to the directioun gevin to the commissioneris of the said burgh of Perth thairanent.

Admissioun of
factouris in
Flanderis.

ITEM, Becaus thair is dyueris and sindry merchantis of this realme greitunlie hurtt, and vtheris alluterlie wrakkit and hereit, be the playing of bankeroutt of sundry factouris within the cuntrie of Flanderis, Thair-

foir it is statute and ordanit that at na tyme heirefter na maner of persoun be admitted, sufferitt, or permitted to vse or exerce the office of factory in the pairtis of Flanderis, ather in Zeland, Holland, or Brabantt, be the conseruatour, bot sic as ar professouris of the trew religioun of Iesus Christ oppinlie publeschitt in this realme, and they befoir thair admissioun thairto, outhir be thame selues or vtheris in thair names, fynd sufficientt caution and souerty within the burgh of Edinburgh to the magistratis thairof for mantening of the said trew relligioun to the vttermost of thair poweris, and that they salbe ansuerabill to all and quhatsumeuer personis with quhais gudes it salhappin thame induring thair office of factory to intromett with, and the samyn salbe att all tymes furthcumand to the awneris thairof quhensoever they pleis requyre thairfoir, and thatt the said conseruatour se this act and ordenance dewlie execute and fulfillit in all poyntis, with certificatioun to him and he failzie, he salbe haldin to refund to all maner of personis dampnefeitt or defraudit be the saidis factouris all and quhatsumeuer dampnage and skaith itt salhappin thame to sustene in ony wayes, and salbe depriyvit of his office of conseruatour but fauouris.

The samyn day, vnderstanding dyueris and sindry thair comburgessis and vtheris merchantis and traffecquaris within this realme resorting to France, Flanderis, and vtheris pairtis, to be conuersant and daylie handlaris with sindry factouris quha ar nocht professouris of the trew relligioun of Iesus Christ, bott altogether ignorant and coniurit papeistis, and manifest contempnaris and ennemeis to the trewth, quhairby greitt and abbominabill erroris may ensue exceptt haistie remeid be provydit thairto, For eschewing quhairof, and to the effect na sic occasioun may occur in tyme cuming, it is statute and ordanitt that na merchant traffecquar or ony frie burges of ony burgh within the realme of Scotland fra thyne furth tak vpoun hand to have ony maner of tred, or ony wayis to have ado, hantt or vse the company of ony sic personis as ar nocht of the trew relligioun of Iesus Christ, opinly publischit within this realme as said is, certefeing all sic as salhappin to transgres this presentt ordinance in ony tyme cuming, thatt they and euery ane of thame efter dew tryell be had thairof sall incur the payne and vnlaw of fourty pundis, and that the samyn salbe vplifted of thame but fauouris quhow oft they failzie, and ordanis the magistratis of ilk burgh and sea poirt

Factouris in
France.

within this realme to vplift the said vnlaw, and att euery seuerall conuention to repoirrt thair diligence heirvpoun, vnder the payne of paymentt of the lyke sovme sa oft as they salbe found negligentt in the executioun of this ordinance, but fauouris.

Vnlaw Forfar
granted to
Abirbrothok.

The samyn day the commissioneris foirsaidis grantis gevis and disponis to the tovne of Abirbrothok the vnlaw of the tovne of Forfar quha comperit nocht to this presentt conuention of burrowis, provyding the samyn be bestowit vpon the vpbigging of the Kirk of the said tovne of Abirbrothok, peir and schoir thairof, and Maister Archibald Person commissioner thairof promiseist to se the samyn done.

Auditouris Ros
comptis of ane
extent of iij^m.
markis.

ITEM, The saidis commissioneris of burrowis vnderstanding be the commissioneris of Edinburgh that Iames Ros, sumtime thesaurer of the said burgh, had nocht maid compte and rekning of his intromissioun with ane extentt of thre thousand markis sett and vplifted of the haill burrowis of this realme in the zeir of God 1574, for suppressing [pyrattis] and that he had refusitt to geve compte thairof to the said burgh of Edinburgh, he being oftymes requiritt be thame thairto, Thairfoir they nominatt and appoynttis four of the maist discreitt men of the counsall of the said burgh of Edinburgh, sic as sall best pleis the magistratis thairof to elect, together with the commissioneris of Linlithqu, with all diligence possibill, in name of the haill burrowis, to sute compte and rekning of the said Iames Ros of his intromissioun with the extentt foirsaidis, will full powar to thame the said Iames comptes to heir and diligentlie examyne, allow and disallow, according to thair knowlege and consciences, and as to the weill of the haill burrowis salbe be thame thocht maist expedientt; And the saidis commissioneris of burrowis promesis faithfullie in name of the rest, and for thame selues, to hald ferme and staibill all and quhatsumever thingis the auditouris befor mentionatt dois in the premissis, provyding alwayis they repoirrt thair diligence heiranentt at the nixtt conuention of burrowis; and gif it beis fundin be thame thatt the said Iames Ros hes ony rest of the said extentt in his handis, thatt the samyn be further command at the nixtt conuention, as said is.

Continuatioun
ansuerto Dum-
bartan.

ITEM, Anent the supplicatioun gevin in to thame be the commissioner of Dumbartan, they continew the ansuer geving thairto vnto thair nixtt conuention, And ordanis the burgh quhair the said nixtt conuention beis haldin to remember the burrowis heirof in thair missives, and to

desyre thair commissioneris to cum fullie instructed quhatt support they will mak to the said burgh of Dumbartan for repairing of thair deokayitt hawin and stopping of the watter thairof.

ITEM, Towart the desyir of the commissioner of the burgh of Hading-^{Hadingtoun.} toun, quhairas he desyris the concurrence of the burrowis nixt adiacentt thairto to accompany the said burgh in ane perambulation betuix thame and certan gentilmen of the cuntrie quha wald reve thame of thair richttis, they requiest the commissioneris of Edinburgh to desyir the inhabitantis of thair burgh, vpoun mutuall societie and gude nychtbourheid, to assist the said burgh of Hadington, quha tuke thame to aduyse with the provest baillies and counsall of Edinburgh fairsaid, quether they mycht do the samyn butt danger of law or nocht.

The samyn day the commissioneris fairsaidis, efter aduysementt with ^{Ely} hawin. the supplicatioun gevin in to thame be Thomas Dishingtoun of Airdros, quhairby he cravis thair supportt and assistance to the vpbigging of the hawin callit the Ely, and vnderstanding the samyn to be ane very commodious harbery, gif the samyn war weill vpbiggitt, for all schippis and boittis saifty in stormes of wether, Thairfoir they grant and consentis thatt the sovme of thre hundred merkis be eikitt to the extentt of ane thowsand merkis ordanit to be vplifted of the haill burrowis of Scotland for making of the commissioneris expenssis to be sentt in France for doungetting of the new customes thair, And ordanis Alexander Christesoun, commissioner for Dysartt, to resave the samyn sovme of thre hundreth merkis quhow sone the samyn beis ingatheritt, and be the aduyces of the magistratis of the said burgh of Dysartt, Cowpar, and Sanctandris, to se the samyn weill bestowitt vpoun the vpbigging of the said hawin of the Ely, Provyding alwayis the said laird of Airdros wair of his awin gudes the sovme of iij^c. merkis vpon the vpbigging of the said hawin, as said is, And the commissioneris of Air, Dumbertan, and Renfrew dissassented heirto, insafar itt was na actioun of burgh etc., and the saidis thre hundreth merkis to be bestowitt vpoun the said hawin of the said lairdis efter the daitt heirof.

Vigesimo tertio Iunij 1582.

Supplicatioun
to the King
aganis frie-
men culloring
vnfrie gudis.

THE QUHILK DAY the commissioneris of burrowis foirsaidis ordanis ane supplicatioun to be gevin in to the Kingis Maiestie and his Hienes Secreitt Counsall that ordour may be tane anent sic as ar vnfriemen and vsis merchandise, and anent merchantis friemen quha vnder cullour transportis vnfriemenis geir furth of this realme, and inbringis the samyn agane to the commoditie of the saidis vnfriemen.

Statute that
nane pas fra
the conven-
tiounis quhill
the desolving
thair of.

The samyn day the commissioneris foirsaidis concludis, statutis, and ordanis thatt in all tymes cuming, quhair ony commissioneris of the burrowis presentis thair commissioun, it sall nocht be lesum to that commissioner in onywayis to depairtt frome the said conuentioun quhill the samyn be desoluit haillelie, except special licence be granted thairto, and incais they do in the contrair, it salbe coequiuolant as they had nocht comperit, and salbe decernit to vnderly the vulaw of non comperantis, And gif ony licence of away passing beis granted, thatt the commissioner to quhome the same is gevin sall comper befor the clark of the conuentioun for the tyme, and, of his awin grantt and consessioun, ratefie and approve all thingis thatt salbe concludit on at the said conuentioun, Provyding alwayes this act sall nocht haif executioun vpoun the burrowis disassenting be thair speciall protestationis aganis the sovme of tuelff hundreth merkis granted to the burgh of Edinburgh for the expenssis maid be Adame Foullertoun in his being in England, quhais names disassentaris followis, Abirdene, Cowpar, Sanctandrois, Montrois, and vtheris burrowis quhilkis war nocht presentt and nocht wairnit att the conclusioun thair of protested they aucht to have the lyke privilege as the disassentaris, And this act to be extendit for all occasion byganis with the reseruatiounis foirsaidis.

All commis-
sioneris to
convene the
first day of the
conuentioun.

ITEM, It is statute and ordanitt thatt in all tymes cuming the commissioneris of burrowis convene the first day of ilk conuentioun thair of appoynted, and presentt thair commissiounis, and quha comperis nocht the said first day salbe decernit in ane vulaw of twenty pundis, and vplifted of thame as gif they had nocht convenit, and thatt in all tymes cuming, the first day of ilk conuentioun be vpon the Mononday or the beginning of the oulk.

ITEM, That the haill burrowis, being lawfullie wairnit to compeir at any conuentioun heirafter, the pluralitie of voitis of thame that comperis to have place and to mak lawis and constitutionis, provyding thatt Edinburgh, Perth, Striveling, Dondie, Abirdene, Sanctandrois, Air, Glasqu, Linlithqu, and Cowper, or ony sax of thir ten, be of the number of thame that convenis.

Pluralitie of
voitis to have
place.

The quhilk day, forsamekill as thair is dyueris and sindry tovnis, villages, and sea portis within this realme quhilkis vsurpis the liberty and privilege of frie burrowis as gif they war erected thairto, quhairby the frie burrowis nixtt adiacentt to the saidis vnfrie tovnis, willages, and sea portis ar gretumlie hurtt and preiugitt, For remeid quhairof it is statute and ordanit that the magistratis of the burgh of Edinburgh, in all thair names, sall with all possibill diligence cawse luke furth oure Souerane Lordis register, quhairby knowlege may be had quhilkis of thame ar erected in frie burghis, to the end sic as salbe knawin to be sua may be compellit to scatt, lott, and beir all maner of portabill chairges with the remanent frie burrowis of this realme, And lykewayis that the saidis magistratis of Edinburgh cers furth all the vnfrie tovnis within this realme, and persew thame be the law as accords, to the doing quhairof the commissioneris foirsaidis grantis full power and commissioun to the said burgh of Edinburgh, *promittendo de rato*, and, promesis to refound and pay to the magistratis of the burgh of Edinburgh foirsaidis all and quhatsumever resonabill expenssis itt salhappin thame to mak vpoun execution of the premissis, and ordanis the said commissioun to stand quhill thair nixt conuentioun alanerlie, at quhilk tyme repourt thair diligence heiranent, and in the menetye thatt all frie burrowis repres the vnfrie tovnis nixtt adiacent to thame safar as they may of law.

Edinburgh to
luke out the
Kingis register
for knawing of
frie and vnfrie
burrowis.

ITEM, Appoyntis the commissioneris nominat to geve the ansuer to the Kingis Maestie anentis the customes to be the alteraris of the taxtt roll, and they to resoun vpoun the samyn, and to repourt thair diligence at the nixt conuentioun that fynall conclusioun may be tane thairanent, And in the menetye the present taxtt concluditt on to be sett according to the last roll maid at Cowper; And the commissioneris of Edinburgh disassentt from ony continewatioun of ony alteratioun of the said extentt roll, and offeritt thame rady to the remane quhill the samyn was done, and forther protestis thatt incais ony extentt in the menetye intervene

Certain bur-
rowis appoynt-
ed to alter the
extentt rollis.

thatt they salbe extentit according to the auld roll maid preceeding the last alteration maid at Cowper, and Sanctandrois in the lykemaner, and George Cocheran, commissioner for Air, protested thatt in respect the alteratioun of the last taxtt roll att Cowper, quhilk was onlie ordanit to stand for thre zeiris, suld be now reformed according thairto, or vtherwayis, thatt na executoriallis suld strek vpon his said burgh quhill the said roll war alterit in the collectioun of ony extent condiscendit vpon, and Maister Patrik Quhytelaw in the name of the haill rest, as moderator, in the contrair, in respect of the actis maid of befoir, quhairto the said George consented, as alsua thatt the prefixtt tyme of thre zeris was apoynted be the conuention of burrowis, and now alterit be thame in respect of thair continuatioun.

Vnlawing bur-
rowis absenti.

The samyn day, Fyndis the burrowis efter following be thair non comperance to this conuentioun to have incurritt euer ilk ane of thame the vnlaw of tuenty pundis, being lawfullie vairnit thairto as was sufficientlie verefeitt, to wit, Rothesay, Ruglene, Irrowyne, Kirkcudbrycht, Quhithorn, Iedburgh, Selkirk, Peiblis, Lawder, Elgyne, Culane, Forbes, Narne, Banff, Forfar, and Thane; and ordanis the act of parliament to be putt to execution aganis thame and euery ane of thame be the burgh of Edinburgh, and they to be comptable thairfoir at the nixt conuentioun, except Irrowyne quhilk is disponit to Air, Lawder to Northbervik, Forfar to Aberbrothok, and Peiblis to Edinburgh, for making of the iedge, and Ruglene to Glasqu for vpbigging of thair calsy, and Elgyne to Ihonn Guthre, clark, wrytar of the acts maid at this present assemble; and appoyntis Selkirk to Kinghorn for vpbigging of Petticur, etc.

Desoluing of
this conuen-
tioun.

The commissioneris foirsaidis desoluis this thair conuentioun; and appoyntis thair nixt conuentioun to be haldin att Air the tentt day of Iunij 1583 zeris, and the said toвне of Air to direct thair missiues as efferis, etc.

Henrie Charteris.
Andro Sklatter.
Henry Adamsone.
Alex^r Cullen.
W^m Norwell.
D. Leschman.
M. William Cok.

William Blaikburn.
George Cochrane dissassented to
the first act.
Iohne Aytowne.
I. Andersone.
Robert Lawder.

Williame Murray.
Mr Archuibald Peirsoun.
Alex^r Dalzell.
William Annand.
Stewin Martyne.

Alexander Christeson.
Iohne Bosuell.
Robert Watsoun.
Ihon Spens.
Ihone Kyrkcaldy.

Ihonn Lindesay, Robert Adame, commissioneris of Glasqu, and Patrik Fyunesoun for Renfrew, with thair handis at the pen led be the notar vnderwrittin at oure commandis becaus we can nocht wryte ourselues.

I. GUTHRE.

In the conventioun of burrowis efter following, haldin at Edinburgh the aucht day of Nouember the zeir of God I^m V^r four scoir twa zeris, Comperitt the commissioneris of burrowis vnderwrittin and producitt thair commissionis, pairtlie vnder the seillis of thair tovnis, and pairtlie vnder the subscriptionis of thair commoun clarkis, quhais names followis :

Commissioneris names.

Edinburgh, Alexander Clark of Balbirny provest, Ihoun Ihonnstoun, Henry Charteris ; Perth, Henry Adamesoun ; Dondie, Ihonn Fynlasoun ; Abirdene, Alexander Forbes ; Air, Henry Oisburn ; Glasqu, Robertt Adame ; Dysartt, Alexander Christeson ; Kirkcaldy, Ihonn Lowdoun ; Craill, Thomas Kay baillie ; Pettinveme, Stevin Martyne.

The samyn day the commissioneris of burrowis foirsaidis decernis the burrowis efter mentionatt, to witt, Hadingtoun, Sanctandrois, Strivel-
ling, and euary ane of thame, in respect of thair noncomperance to this
present conventioun, to have incurritt the payne and vnlaw of tuenty pundis,
and this becaus they war lawfullie wairnitt be missives sentt and de-
lyueritt to thame be sic as Edinburgh direct to that effect to have comperit,
as was cleirlye vnderstand to the saidis commissioneris, be the provest,
baillies, and counsall of Edinburgh, directaris of the saidis missives, and
comperitt nocht ; and assignis to Henry Nesbett burges of Edinburgh

Vnlawing bur-
rowis absentt
charge Edin-
burgh Nesbett.

the samyn vulawis, for payment to the burgh of Edinburgh in name of the haill commissioneris of burrowis of fourty merkis thairfoir, be alwayis makand the expenssis vpon the ingathering thairof; for the quhilk soyme of fourty merkis the said burgh of Edinburgh sal mak compte and rekning to the haill commissioneris of burrowis at thair nixtt conventioun, to be haldin at Air the tent day of Iunij nixtt; and the said Henry Nesbet oblessis him to relief the said burgh thairof at the saidis burrowis handis.

Apud Edinburgh octauo Novembris 1582.

Statute for vp-
lifting of cer-
tan dewties of
all maner of
gudis trans-
ported furth of
the Realme to
the making of
ane commis-
sioneris expen-
ssis to France
for getting the
new customis
thair dischar-
git.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris of burrowis befoir mentionatt vnderstanding thameselues and the haill merchantt estaitt of this realme to be gretumlie dampnefeit be paymentt of the intolerabill customes laittlie raisitt and vplifted within the dominions of France vpoun syndrie soirtis of wairis transported thairto, hes statue and ordanitt, and all in ane voce for thame selues and havand powar of the burrowis, concludis and delyueris, that for the making of certain commissioneris expenssis to be sentt be thame to the King of France and his Previe Counsall, to seik redres herein, thair salbe vplifted fra the feist of Mertymes nixt vnto the feist of Mertymes in the zeir of God j^m v^c four scoire three zeris, and langer as the necessitie of the cawse sall requyre, at all the sea poirttis of this realme, of all maner of wairis passing furth thairof, the dewties efter following, to wit, of ilk tun salmond four schillingis ilk tun, claith aucht schillingis ilk tun, hydys four schillingis ilk tun, skynnys four schillingis ilk tun, wly and butter four schillingis ilk tun, herring and keilling saxtene pennies,—ilk sek gudes to Flanderis to be estimatt to twa tunnis, and ilk serpleth gudes to Danskyne and the eistar seais to be estimatt be the tun,—and the said Thomas Kay baillie and commissioner for Craill, for him selff and the remanentt burrowis of the coist syde, protested in respect of their consentt gevin heirto thatt incais at ony tyme heirefter it salhappin ony new customes to be raisitt vpon sic wairis as they commonlie tred with, and in speciall fische, the hail burrowis of this realme in lykemaner to contribute with tham for doungetting and discharging thairof: Quhairvnto the commissioneris forsaidis for thame selfis and in

name of the haill remanent burrowis of this realme consented. For sure collecting of the quhilkis dewties, the magistratis of euery burgh and sea poirtt of this realme, to wit, the provest baillies and counsall of Edinburgh sall depute for thame selues; the tovnis of Kingorn, Innerkething, Queinsfery, Burntiland, and Prestoun pannis, collectoures, ane or ma; the magistratis of the toвне of Perth, ane collectour to vplift and ingather the dewties fairsaidis of all maner of gudes boittitt at the said toвне peir and schoir their of alanerlie; the toвне of Dondy and thair collectour, the dewties of all maner of gudes schippitt at the poirtt and hawin of the samyn,—the toвне of Perth onlie exceptit; Abirdene for thame selues; the tovnis of Montrois, Banff, Elgyne, Innerness, Crummaty, and the remanent sea portis be north thame; Air, Dumbartan, Irrowyne, Wigtoun, Kirkcudbrycht, Dunfreis, to depute collectouris within thair awin boundis, euery ane for thair awin burghis; Craill and thair collectouris to vplift the dewties schippitt outwartt att thair poirtt and hawin, and att ony poirtt and hawin be eist Levinesmouth, and of Anstruther be west the burn,—Pettenweme onlie exceptit, quha sall depute ane collectour to the effect abouwritten within thame selues; Sanctandris ane collectour for thame selues; Kirkcaldy for thame selues; and Dysart ane collectour for thame selfis and all poirttis and hawinis to Levinesmouth; For the quhilkis collectouris the burrowis particularlie abouementionatt and magistratis thair of sall be haldin to ansuer to the remanent burrowis of this realme, that they sall diligentlie collect and ingather the dewties fairsaidis dewlie as efferis, and att the nixtt conventioun and generall assemblee of burrowis to be haldea at the burgh of Air the tentt day of Iunij nixtt mak instant compte rekning and paymentt thair of to the commissioneris of burrowis to be convenitt thairatt. As alsua thatt the magistratis of ilk burgh and sea poirtt geve diligentt attendance that ilk skipper and maister of ony schippis, boittis, or crairis passing furth of the realme, befor thair departing furth thair of, resave from the saidis collectouris thair acquittance of the payment of the dewties fairsaidis, and keip the samyn for thair warrand, and quhatsumever be thatt wantis the samyn, thatt he be compellitt be the magistratis fairsaidis to pay to the said collectour ten schillingis for ilk tun thatt salhappin to be vnpayitt. Forther for the mair sure putting of this act to dew executioun aganis all maner of personis transporting ony maner of gudes furth of this realme, at ony burgh or sea poirtt within the samyn, that the

magistratis thair of within the boundis prescryuitt to thame rais letteris of horning vpoun this presentt act and ordnance, and see the samyn dewlie execute aganis the transgressiours thair of to the effect forsaid, And for the mair haisty expeditioun to be had in dispesching of the commissioneris fairsaidis according to the necessitie of this cawse, quhilk, for the dangerous preparative to follow gif the saidis new customes in France sall continew, may nocht abyde the lang delay of the incuming of the dewties abouerehersit, it is thairfor thochtt maist neidfull thatt the sovme of tuelff hundreth markis be borrowit fra sic as for the zeill of the said cawse may be movitt to avance the samyn, to be delyueritt to the saidis commissioneris for making of their chargis as said is, to the quhilk persoun, aduancar of the said money, the commissioneris of Edinburgh obleissis thair said burgh for payment to him of sevin hundreth merkis thair of betuix and the fyvetene day of Iunij nixtt, and the commissioneris of Pettinweme, Craill, Kirkcaldy, Dysartt obleissis thair saidis burghis coniunctlie to releve the said burgh of Edinburgh of the sovme of ane hundreth merkis of the said sovme of sevin hundreth merkis; the saidis commissioneris of Dondie to be bundin for twa hundreth merkis; and the said toyne of Abirdene for thamseluis, Montrois, and all vther tovnis and sea poirtis be north thame, twa hundreth merkis; and the remanentt commissioneris of burrowis presentlie convenitt for thair said burrowis, and in name and behalf of the haill remanent burrowis of this realme, becumis acted bundin and obleist to releve and keip skaythless Edinburgh, Perth, Dondie, and Abirdene of thair and the saidis haill burrowis pairtis of the said sovme of tuelff hundreth merkis at the said day of paymentt thair of to the persoun fra quhome the samyn is to be borrowitt, but langer delay, and ar content and consentis thatt letteris of horning and vther chargis neidfull be obtenitt and execute vpoun the burrowis refus and vpoun ane simple charge of thre dayis alanerlie; Attour the commissioneris of burrowis aboue rehersitt, efter lang resouning vpoun the qualificatioun of dyueris and sindry merchantis quhome in thair opinioun they might have thochtt maist meitt for executing of thair commissioun in the saidis pairtis of France at the handis of the King and Previe Counsall thair of, to the doungetting and obteneing of the new customes fairsaidis dischargitt, all in ane voce, but variance, hes elected and nominatt Henry Nesbett burges of Edinburgh thair commissioner, to quhome they

will and grantis that the provest baillies and counsall of Edinburgh in thair names, and in name of the hail remanentt burrowis of this realme, geve to him sic ample commissioun and instructionis vnder thair seill of cawse as to the weifair of thair estait and furtherance of this mater salbe be thame thocht maist expedientt, and promesis for thame selues and thair burrowis, and in name of the hail remanentt burrowis, to hald ferme and stabill all and quhatsumeuer thing the saidis provest baillies and counsall of Edinburgh, and the said Henry Nesbett commissioner in the premises, thinkis neidfull to be done, vnder the payne of all thair gudes movabill and vnmovabill, presentt and to cum, And thairefter comperitt the said Henry Nesbett, quha, for the gude zeill he beris to the aduancement of all sic thingis as may tend to the weifair of the merchantt estaitt, nochtwithstanding thatt the burrowis of this realme hes bene very vnmyndfull of his guid seruice done to thame in the pairtis of France and Flanderis at dyueris tymes of befoir, accepted in and vpoun him thair said commissioun, and voluntarily promiseist for the space of thre monethis nixtt heirefter frielie to execute the samyn to the vttermost of his power, provyding thatt efter the ische thairof he nicht have allowitt to him all and quhatsumeuer his resonabill charges, alsweill of his habilzements as vtherwayes during the said space, and forther as occasioun suld serue, sua being the samyn did nocht exceed the sovme of twa thousand frankis, and incais be his laubour and sute he may nocht in the said space of thre monethis cum speid in the cawse fairsaid, and thatt for the weifair thairof itt be neidfull to him to mak langer residence in the pairtis fairsaidis, in thatt cais the commissioneris (of) Edinburgh, Perth, Dondie, Abirdene, Glasqu and Air bindis and obleissis thame to the said Henry to se him resonable rewarditt for his paynis, to quhais discretioun in this cais he submittis him selff.

Alexr. Clark, provest.

Ihonn Ihonstoun.

Henrie Charteris.

Henry Adamsoun, Perth.

Alxr. Forbes.

Thomas Kay.

Ihonn Findlasoun.

Alexander Christesoun.

Ihone Lowdin.

Stewin Martyne.

Henry Osborne.

Robert Adame with my hand at the pen led be Ihonn Guthre notar
at my command becaus I can nocht wryte my selff. I. GUTHRE.

Apud Edinburgh decimo sexto Nouembris 1582.

Actt for releiff
of the burrowis
oblis to Edin-
burgh for j^m li.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris of burrowis vnder subscriuand, for sindry particularis concerning the weifair of thair estaitt, causitt the provest baillies and counsall of Edinburgh to borrow the sovme of thre hundreth markis, quhilk makis, with the sovme of tuelff hundreth markis contenit in the act preceding of the dait the auchtt day of this instant Nouember, ane thousand li., for paymentt quhair of euery ane of thame for thame selfis, and takand the burding on thame for thair saidis burrowis respectiue, faithfully bindis and obleissis thame and thair burrowis foirsaidis for thair pairtis vnderwritten to thankfully contentt and pay to the saidis provest baillies and counsall of Edinburgh and thair successouris the particular sovmes following to witt, the said toвне of Edinburgh for thame selfis, quhilk they tak in thair awin hand, the sovme of auchtt hundreth markis, quhair of the burrowis of Kirkcaldy, Dysart, Pettinweme and Craill to releve the said burgh of Edinburgh of sax scoir markis; the the burgh of Perth, sax scoir ten markis; Dondy, twa hundreth fourty markis; Abirdene for thame selfis, the burgh of Montrois, and all burrowis and sea poirtis be north thame, twa hundreth and thretty markis; and the burgh of Air for ane hundreth markis, extending in the haill to the said sovme af ane thousand pundis, betuix and the first day of Julij nixtt, but langer delay fraud or guyle or ony exception of the law to be proponit in the contrair: As alsua the commissioneris foirsaidis bindis and obleissis thame and thair saidis burrowis to refund content and pay to the saidis provest and baillies and counsall of Edinburgh and thair successouris all and quhatsumever expenssis, coistis, skaithis, dampnages, and interestis itt salhappin thame to sustene mak or incur in the persute and recouery of the sovmes aboumentionat, at the liquidation of the magistrates of the said burgh of Edinburgh, and declaratioun of thair consciences thairvpoun; And forther, becaus the said burgh of Edinburgh is bundin and oblisset for thameselfis and in name of the commissioneris foirsaidis to Henry Nesbitt commissioner for the haill burrowis, to pay vnto him all and quhatsumever necessar expenssis and vther sovmes of money it salhappin him to deburs for thame and thair effaires induring

the time of his commissioun mair nor the soyme of ane thowsand frankis instantle resauit be him extendis vnto, thairfoir the saidis commissioneris of burrowis, for thamselues and thair saidis burrowis, bindis and oblessis thame to thankfully content and pay to the said provest baillies and counsall of Edinburgh and thair successouris, the soyme of aughtene schillingis for ilk frank thairof, provyding the said Henry in his haill expenssis exceid nocht the soyme of twa thowsand frankis, and sall content and pay to thame and thair foirsaidis all and quhatsumever coistis and expenssis it salhappin thame to mak in the persute and recovery of the said Henries expenssis, vpoun compte and reknyng always to be maid be thame thairof to the commissioneris of the burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondie, Abirdene, Glasqu, and Air, vpoun quhais aduerteismentt, or maist pairtt thairof, the said Henry Nesbett commissioner oblessis him to return frome the saidis pairtis of France, butt making thairefter ony maner of obstacle or delay quhen, quhat tyme, and quhow sone he is requyrit be the saidis burrowis, or maist pairt of thame, thairto.

Alex^r Clark, provest.

Iohn Findlasoun.

Henry Osborn.

Henrie Charteris.

Thomas Kay.

Ihonne Ihonstoun.

Henry Adamson, Perth.

Alex^r Forbes.

Stewin Martyne.

Alexander Christesoun.

Robert Adame with my hand at the pen led be the notar vnderwrittin at my command becaus I can nocht wryte my selff. Ita est Joannes Guthre notarius de mandato dicti Roberti scribere nescientis ut asseruit teste meis signo et subscriptione manualibus.

I. GUTHRE.

In the conventioun of burrowis efter following, haldin and begun at Edinburgh. Edinburgh the sevintt day of December 1582 zeris; comperitt the commissioneris under subscriyvand, and presented thair commissionis pairtlie vnder the seillis of thair tovnis, and pairtlie vnder the subscriptionis of thair commoun clarkis, quhais namis followis: Edinburgh,

Alexander Clark, provest, Ihonn Iohnnston, Henry Charteris, Henry Nesbett; Perth, Henry Adamson; Dondy, Peter Clayhillis, Patrik Lyon, Ihonn Fyndlasoun; Abirdene, Gilbertt Meinzeis, provest; Striveling, Williame Norowell; Glasqu, Robertt Adame; Air, Ihonn Iohnnston, Henry Oisburn; Cowpar, Iames Anderson; Montrois, Williame Murray; Sanctandros, William Ferry; Craill, Thomas Kay; Hadingtoun, Robert Nesbett; Linlithqu, Henry Auld; Pettinweme, Stevin Martyne; Dumbar, William Lawder; Dysartt, Alexander Cristesoun; Kirkcaldy, Ihonn Lowdon, Ihonn Hacquett; Dumbartan, Ihonn Hardrig.

Appreving of
the actis maid
in the conven-
tioun preceding
and annulling
of ane act maid
at Perth.

THE QUHILK DAY the commissioneris foirsaidis all in ane voce ratefeis and apprevis the actis maid in the conventioun preceding, anentt the vplifting of certan dewties of all maner of gudis transported furth of the realme, to the making of ane commissioneris expenssis to France for doungetting of the new customes thair, and anent the security of the burgh of Edinburgh and vtheris burrowis quha becom souerty for the payment of the sowmes advancitt for making of the said commissioneris expenssis to France to the personis aduancaris and lennaris thair of, and willis and grantis, and als decerns and ordanis, thatt the act maid in the convention of Perth the aughtene day of Junij last for vplifting of ane extentt of ane thowsand markis of the haill burrowis to the same effectt be cancellatt and destroyitt, and fra thyne furth be of na strenth force nor effectt foirsaid, in respect of the saidis actis maid at Edinburgh the viij and ix dayis of Nouember last.

Apud Edinburgh octauo Decembris 1582.

Vnlawing bur-
rowis absentt.

THE SAMYN DAY, the commissioneris foirsaidis fyndis the burghis of Laneark and Irrowyne to have incurritt the payne and vnlaw of tuenty pundis for thair non comperance to this presentt conventioun, in respect of thair lawfull citatioun verefeitt be the burgh of Edinburgh and thair thesaurer, and ordanis the act of parliament be execute aganis thame be the said burgh of Edinburgh, and to repoitth thair diligence at thair nixtt conventioun in Air.

Apud Edinburgh decimo tertio Decembris 1582.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris abouewrittin all in ane voce concludis and aggreis thatt the supplicatioun vnderwrittin salbe presented to the Kingis Maiesty, and his Hienes Secreit Counsall, quhairof the tennour followis :—

Vnto zour Maiestie and Lordis of zour Hienes Secreitt Counsall, maist humblie menis zour Hienes and Lordschips maist humbill and obedient seruitouris the commissioneris of burrowis presentlie convenit at Edinburgh, Forsamekill as be the senister report maid of ws and the remanentt zoure Maiesties burrowis of zoure realme anentis the defraude of the commoditie of zoure Hienes customes, quhairby itt was gevin zoure Hienes to vnderstand the samyn be oure occasioun to have bene in greitt and large sovmes of money hurtt and preiugitt, for avoyding quhairof and to the effectt zoure Hienes suld perfytlie knaw na sic defraude to have bene maid be ws and oure estaitt thairin, bott that we as loving and obedientt subiectis, att all tymes respecting zoure Hienes commoditie as oure awin, hes be oure selues and oure predecessouris payitt to zoure Grace customeris the iust and dew paymentt of oure gudes, quhairof the dewties and customes belongit to zoure Maiestie, thir twa hundreth zeris past, Thairfoir and to the end zoure Hienes and Lordschips may the better be assured of oure fidelitie and gude will to sett fordwartt zoure Grace effaires in all thatt in oure meane estaitt or power may consist, and for relieff of the pure merchantis fra quhome thir dyueris zeris past thair wynis hes bene taikin and vplifted be zoure comptrollaris semlaris and vtheris zoure Hienes officiaris, but ony maner of paymentt, thairfoir we willinglie, vpoun provisioun zoure Hienes will sett in tack and assedatioun to ws and oure successouris zoure Maiesties haill customes of zoure realme vnto zoure Hienes be of the aige of xxj zeiris compleitt, for paymentt zeirlic during the said space according to the custome rollis of the last zeir of the dewties mentionatt thairintill, but alteratioun thair of in ony poyntt, will by and attour the samyn zeirlic pay to the furnesing of zoure Hienes hous during the space foirsaid of the having of the customes foirsaidis in oure handis alanerlie twenty-sax tunnis Burdealx

Supplication
presented be the
burrowis to the
Kingis Maies-
tie anentis the
customes.

wynis frielie, but ony paymentt thairfoir, provyding all takkis and assedationis maid or sett be zoure Hienes of zoure customes foirsaidis or ony pairtt thairof to ony maner of persoun or personis of quahatsomever estaitt be reuokitt and declairitt null, and sall in zoure Hienes handis, and thairefter in ouris your Grace fermeraris thairof, to be vplifted collected and ingatheritt be ws and oure successouris during the said space alanerlie, and thatt gif itt salhappin ony zoure Hienes comptrollaris, sersouris, semlaris, Captanis of zoure Maiesties castellis quhatsumever, maisteris of household or vtheris zoure Grace ordinar seruandis, during the tyme aboue expremitt to tak and vplift ony wynis to zoure Hienes behufe by and attour the saidis xxvj tunnis wyne frielie granted to zoure Hienes, as said is, thatt the samyn be payitt to the awneris thairof off the first and rediest of the dewties and customes foirsaidis, according as the wynis salhappin than commonlie to be sald, and the samyn be allowit to ws in the chakker comptes zeirlie, And heirvpoun zoure Hienes and Lordschipps ansueris maist humblie we beseik.

Followis the Lordis of Secreitt Counsallis ansuer written on the back of the said supplicatioun be Ihonn Andrew thair clark :—

Apud Halyrudehous decimo quinto Decembris 1582.

The Lordis of Secreitt Counsall thinkis this offer sumquhatt generall, thairfoir willis the commissioneris within writtin to condescend vpoun a special zeirlie dewtie for the tak within specefeitt, quhat tyme to be thair entry thairto, and quhatt sovmes to be payitt in name of girsum, and thairefter sall resave ansuer as appertenis. Forther the Lordis vnderstandis that thair wilbe spentt zeirlie in the Kingis Maiesties hous fifty tunnis of wyne, to the furnesing quhairof it is necessar they agrie.

Decimo tertio Decembris 1582.

Vnlawing
Linlithqu

The commissioneris abouewritten haelelie aggreis thatt the burgh of Linlithqu salbe vnlawitt with the remanentt burrowis nocht comperand at this conuentioun, and this becaus Henry Auld commissioner for the

said toвне, on the second day after his comperance past hame butt licence or ony lawfull excuse maid to thame, and returnit nocht heirto.

Apud Edinburgh decimo septimo Decembris 1582.

The quhilk day the commissioneris of burrowis foirsaidis efter aduys-
mentt with the supplicatioun gevin in to thame be Iames Betoun of ^{Continuatioun}
Balfour, quhairby he desyritt the toвне of Kilrany to be erected in ane ^{ansuer to}
frie burgh, and enrollitt with the remanentt frie burrowis of this realme, ^{Kilrany.}
according to the erectioun thair of in ane Parliamentt haldin at Edinburgh
the day of the zeir of God zeris, as
be the actt of parliamentt maid thairupoun, and vtheris his richtis in-
stantlie producitt to the saidis commissioneris, apperitt. Continewis the
ansuer geving thairto vnto thair nixtt conventioun to be haldin att Air
the ten of Iunij nixtt, and ordanis the commissioneris of the said burgh of
Air to mak mentioun thair of in thair missiues to be direct to the haill
burrowis for keping of the said conuentioun thair, to the effectt the com-
missioneris to be sentt may cum fullie instructed to determene heirintill,
according to the said Iames rychtis than to be producitt and agane
schawin, and as to the weilfair of burrowis salbe found aggreable.

IN the conventioun of burrowis haldin at Edinburgh the xxv day of Edinburgh.
Februar 1582, comperitt the commissioneris vnderwrittin and producitt
thair commissions, pairtlie vnder the seillis of thair toვნis, and vther
pairt vnder the subscriptionis of thair commoun clarkis, quhais names
followis: Edinburgh, Alexander Clark of Balbirny, provest, Henry Chan-
teris, Iohn Ihonnston; Perth, Dioneis Conquerour; Dondie, Alexander
Ramsay, Alexander Scrymgeour; Abirdene, George Knowis, Alexander
Hay; Striveling, William Norowell; Linlithqu, Andrew Kar; Glasqu,
Robertt Adame; Sanctandros, William Ferry; Montros, David Foulle-
ton; Cowpar, Iames Anderson; Dunfreis, Ihonn Merschell; Dumferme-
ling, Robertt Pawtoun; Irrowene, Hew Campbell, provest, Ihonn Broun;

Breichan, George Arrott ; Kirkcaldy, Iohnn Hacquett ; Dysartt, Archibald Meluile ; Craill, William Bowsy, Thomas Kay ; Pettinweme, Stevin Martene ; Rothessay, Iohnn Stewartt of Rosland baillie ; Selkirk, George Halywell ; Ruglene, Walter Fary ; Dumbartan, Maister Williame Houstoun ; Kingorn, Iames Logane ; Kirkcudbrycht, Harbartt Gledstanys baillie thair of ; Air, George Cocheran.

Apud Edinburgh vigesimo septimo Februarij 1582.

Vnlawing bur-
rowis absentt.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris abouewrittin fyndis the burrowis of Banff, Elgyne, Forres, Innernes, Renfrew, Wigtoun, Qubithorn, Peiblis, Thane, Laneark, Iedburgh, Northbervik, Dumbar, Hadingtoun, and Lauder to have incurritt the payne and vnlaw of twenty li., ilk ane of thame, for thair non comperance to this presentt conventioun, being lawfully citatt thairto be Mongow Russell thesaurer of Edinburgh, as was verefeitt be him to the saidis commissioneris this day, and ordanis the saidis vnlawis to be vplifted be the said burgh of Edinburgh, and the act of parliamentt maid thairanentt execute aganis thame, and to repoirrt thair diligence heiranentt at the nixt conuention in Air.

Licence to Sel-
kirk and Rug-
lene to pas
hame.

The samyn day, grantis and gevis licence to the commissioneris of Selkirk and Ruglene to pas hame in respectt of the poverty of thair burghis, quha ar nocht abill to mak thair expenssis heir, and the saidis twa commissioneris promesis to hald ferme and staibill, in name of thair saidis burrowis, all and quhatsumeuer thing the remanentt commissioneris dois in this presentt conventioun, and willis Iohnn Guthre, clark, to subscriue in thair names.

Apud Edinburgh nono Martij 1582.

Decreitt arbi-
trall betuix Air
and Irrowyne.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris of the burrowis efter following to witt, Henry Charteris for Edinburgh, Dioneis Conquerour for Perth, Alexander Scrymgeour for Dondy, George Knowis for Abirdene, Maister Williame Houstoun for Dumbartan, and Williame Bowsy for Craill, being desyritt be George Cocheran commissioner for Air, and Hew Campbell

and Thomas Broun commissioneris for Irrowyne, to acceptt in and vpoun thame the decission of certan materis questionable betuix the saidis twa burrowis contenit in ane compromitt subscryuitt be ather of them at Edinburgh the fyftene day of Februar last, efter thatt the saidis commissioneris of Air and Irrowyne had ratefeitt and apprevitt the said compromitt, and faythfullie promittit to abyde and fulfill the decreitt and fynall sentence arbitrall to be pronuncit be the saidis commissioneris of burrowis as iuges, arbitouris, and amicabill componitouris equalie chosin be the saidis twa burrowis contendant, and neuer to reclame thairfra vnder all hiest payne thay mycht incur be the law, accepted in and vpoun thame the saidis materis debatabill, and efter inspectioun of the said compromitt, quhairby they submitted thame selves and thair burrowis to the arbitrement and fynall sentence of arbitrall to be pronuncit be the saidis commissioneris of burrowis, anent the letteris of horning and executioun thair of purchest be the said burgh of Air aganis the said burgh of Irrowyne, vpoun ane vnlaw and penalty for thair allegit absence fra the last conuentioun of burrowis haldin at Perth, and siclyke anent the letteris of horning aganis the said burgh of Air for allegit non payment of thair brig stent, and for all actionis that hes followit or may follow thairupoun for ather of the saidis actionis and cawsis, All in ane voce, butt variance, efter avysement with the said compromitt and the rychtis resonis and allegationis of baith the saidis pairties being be thame at lenth hard and avysitlie considerit, Fyndis and delyueris the said burgh of Air, in respect of the taxatioun quhilk they suld haif payitt to the burgh of Perth quhairfra they war exemit be the procurement of the said burgh of Irrowyne, to be addebtet to the said burgh of Irrowyne in the sovme of thretty sevin pundis sax schillingis auchtt penneis, as for the said burgh of Airis pairtt of the extentt raisit vpoun thame and the hail inhabitantis of Kyle, Carrik and Cunynghame for vpbigging of the dekayitt brig of the said tovne of Irrowyne, off the quhilk sovme they fynd the said burgh of Air to have payitt to Adam Corbett messenger, twenty merkis in name of the said burgh, and ordanis the samin to be allowit in the first end of the said sovme, together with fourtene pundis as for the said tovne of Irrowenis vnlaw for thair absence fra the said conuentioun at Perth, quhilk they will to be allowit in the said principall sovme, and sua as zitt decernis the said burgh of Air to pay to the said

burgh of Irrowyne the sovme of ten pundis in full and compleitt payment of the said principall sovme of thretty seven li. sax schillingis auchtt penneis, and ordanis the letteris *hinc inde* purchest be ather of the burrowis contendand for the cawsis abouewrittin to be dischairgitt, and that the samyn be in all tyme cuming null and of na effectt, and sic mutuall amitie to be manteinit be ather of thame as was at ony tyme befor the occasioun of the contraversies fairsaidis.

Apud Halyrudehous nono Martij 1582.

Acceptatioun
of the Kingis
customs.
Protestatioun,
Air.

THE QUHILK DAY the commissioneris of the burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondy, Abirdene, Glasqu, Air, Cowpar, Dumbartan, Montrois, Irrowyne, Sanctandrois, Craill, Pettinweme, and Harbartt Gledstanys baillie for Kirkcudbrycht, all in ain voce aggreis vnto the taking of the Kingis Maiesties customs in tak and assedatioun for the space of four zeris nixtt followand the first of October last, for payment zeirlic thairfoir to his Hienes of the sovme of iiij^m pundis, together with thretty tunnis Burdealx wynis, conforme to the tennour of ane contract to be maid thairvpoun, and heirvnto George Cocheran commissiouner for Air disassentitt, and protested in name of the said burgh of Air that for this presentt zeir they suld be frie of ony maner of intromitting with the customs fairsaidis, or in comptrolling of the customeris putt thairfoir for this zeir alanerly, as alsua that the said burgh suld nawyis be astricted to the payment of ony wynis to the Kingis Maiestie vnto sic tyme the burrowis war peceably possest in the vplifting of the saidis customs, and protested they mycht be freed of all commodite or discommodite mycht ensew thairupon for the first zeir alanerly, etc.

Apud Edinburgh vndecimo Martij 1582.

Commissioun
to four bur-
rowis to end
the contract
betuix the
Kingis Maiestie
and burrowis
assent the cus-
tomes.

THE QUHILK DAY the commissioneris of the burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondy, Abirdene, Air, Glasqu, Cowpar, Dumbartan, Craill, Pettinweme, Irrowyne, Montrois, Kirkcaldy, Dysartt, Kirkcudbrycht, and Kingorn, efter lang resoning vpoun the heidis and articlis to be mentionat

in the contract to be maid betuix the Kingis Maiestie and Lordis of his Hienes Secreit Counsall and thame anent the taking of his Hienes customes in tak and assedatioun for the space of four zeris nixtt and immediatlie followand thair entry thairto, quhilk was and began the first of October last, for paymentt of the sovme of four thousand pundis, together with thretty tunnis Burdealx wyne zeirlie thairfoir, at the termis specalie to be contenit in the said contract, and forsamekill as the commissioneris of the burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondie, and Abirdene in thair names, and at thair ernist requeist and desyir, for the gude zeill and favour they beir to the furthsetting and advancing of the common weill of burrowis, ar content and consentis to becum souerties in the haill burrowis names for performing of thair pairtt of the contractt to be maid betuix the Kingis Maiestie and thame, Thairfoir the saidis haill commissioneris for thame selues, and in name of the haill burrowis of this realme, gevis full power and commission to the commissioneris of the saidis four burrowis fynallie to determine in the premissis as to the weillfair of thair estaitt salbe be thame thochtt expedientt, and promesis faithfullie for thame selues and thair saidis burrowis, and in name of the remanentt burrowis of this realme, to hald firme and staibill all and quhatsumever the saidis four commissioneris of burrowis heiranentt sall think neidfull to be done, vnder the payne of all thair gudes movable and vnmovable, presentt or to cum, and forther bindis and obleissis thame and thair successouris, every ane for thair awin pairttis, zeirlie at the termis of paymentt to be contenit in the said contract, to mak gude and thankfull paymentt to the saidis four burrowis, and thair commissioneris in thair names, of all and quhatsumever customes itt salhappin thame or thair customeris to be elected be thame induring the said tak to intro-mitt with, and of thair seuerall pairtis of the sovme of $\text{iii}^{\text{ij}}^{\text{m}}$. pundis, and of the thretty tunnis wynis zeirly to be payitt be the haill burrowis to the Kingis Maiestie, and forther in cais the haill customes of this realme extend nocht to sa greitt ane sovme as may mak paymentt to the Kingis Maiestie zeirlie of the said sovme of four thowsand pundis, and of the saidis thretty tunnis wyne, in thatt cais the saidis commissioneris of burrowis, for thameselues and thair saidis burrowis, and in name of the remanentt burrowes of this realme, sall every ane for thair awin pairtis releve the saidis four burrowis of all and quhatsumever sovmes of money,

coistis, skaythis, dampnage, or expenssis, itt salhappin thame to mak or sustene thairthrow, and thatt at quhatt tyme, quhow sone, and quhow oft they be requyritt be the saidis four burrowis thairto, vnder all hiest payne and charge they may incur be the law, and ar content and consentis thatt letteris of horning or poynding be raisitt and execute againis the burrowis refusand to performe the premissis, als oft as neid sall requyre, vpoun thre dayis vairning alanerly, and becaus a greit pairtt of the burrowis of this realme ar nochtt presentt for geving of thair consent heirto, thairfoir the saidis commissioneris presentlie convenit decernis and ordanis the burrowis absentt to releve for thair pairtis the saidis four burrowis of the sovmes particularlie aboue mentionatt, and wynis foirsaidis, and of all and sindry thair pairtis of the said contract, and all thatt may follow thairupoun at all tymes neidfull.

Apud Edinburgh, xij Martij 1582.

Vnlawing burrowis desoluing befor the end of the convention.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris presentlie convenit fyndis the burrowis of Striveling, Sanctandros, Dunfermeling, and Breichan hes incurrit every ane of thame the payne and vnlaw of twenty li., and this becaus they desoluit fra this conuention without licence or excuse maid or obtenit of the burrowis, and ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to vplift the samyn and mak compte thereof to the burrowis at thair nixt conuention in Air, vnder the paymentt alsweill heirof as of the vnlawis at Perth and sensyne of thair awin guidis.

Conseruatour.

The samyn day, vnderstanding the conseruatour in Flanderis, nochttwithstanding the expyring of the space preseryuit be thame to him in thair actis for vplifting of the dewties of ilk sek gudis arrayving to Flanderis, to continew still in vplitting thairof, to the greit hurtt of the haille merchant estait of this realme, fyndis thatt the burgh of Edinburgh sall with all gudelie diligence dischairge him of ony forther vplifting of the saidis dewties, and to be heir at thair nixt conuention in Air, and the said burgh of Air to remember the burrowis in thair missives to direct thair commissioneris fullie instructed to tak ordour with the said conseruatour heiranent.

Alexr. Clark, provest.
Ihone Ihonstoun.

George Cochrane.
Maister Wm. Houstoun.

Henrie Charteris.	James Logane.
Dionis Conquerour for Perth.	Ihone Hakkat.
I. Andersone.	Stewin Martyne.
William Bowsy.	Hew Campbel.
Archibald Maluill.	Alexr. Hays of Abirden.

Harbert Gledstanyis, Walter Fary, Daud Foullertoun, and Robert Adam with oure handis at the pen led be Iohnn Guthre notar at oure command.

I. GUTHRE.

Apud Edinburgh vigesimo Martij I^m. V^c. lxxxij^o.

THE QUHILK DAY, Alexander Clark of Balbirny, provest of the burgh of Edinburgh, and Henry Charteris and Iohnn Iohnnstoun, commissioneris for the said burgh of Edinburgh; Dioneis Conquerour, commissioner for the burgh of Perth; Alexander Scrymgeour, commissioner for Dondy; and Alexander Hay, commissioner for the burgh of Abirdene; Ordanis the contract maid betuix the Kingis Maiestie, with aduyse of the Lordis of his Hienes Secreit Counsall, and the haill burrowis of this realme anentis the sett of his Maiesties customes to thame to be registratt in this thair conventioun buke of burrowis, and the copy thair of to be delyueritt to euery particular burgh sutand the samyn, vpoun thair resonabill expenssis, and efter thatt the samyn is registratt, to be delyuerit to the provest, baillies, and counsall of Edinburgh, to be keipitt be thame in thair charterhous, and maid furthcumand to the burrowis quhen they pleis requyre thairfoir; And becaus the commissioneris of the four burrowis abouementionatt ar bundin, obleist, coniunctlie and seuerallie, zeirlie at the terms contenitt in the contract foirsaid, to mak paymentt in name of the haill remanentt burrowis of this realme to the Kingis Maiestie his Hienes comptroller and somlaris of the sovme of four thowsand pundis and thretty tannisfull Burdeallx wynis, by and attour certan ordinar pensionis for the sett of the saidis customes, as in the said contract att full lenth is contenitt, Thairfoir the saidis commissioneris of the saidis four burrowis

Registrating of the principall contractt betuix the King and burrowis anent his customes and the keeping thair of gevin to Edinburgh.

bindis and oblessis thame coniunctlie and serualie to releve *hinc inde* vtheris of all and quhatsumeuer sovmes of money itt salhappin thame or ony vtheris in thair names, induring the space contenit in the said tak, to intromitt with, vptak or lift fra the remanentt burrowis of this realme, thair commissioneris or customeris to be depute be thame, And forsamekill as the saidis four commissioneris of the saidis burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondy and Abirdene, as souerties and principall debtouris foirsaidis, ar instantly chargitt be the comptrollar to mak paymentt to him of the Candilmes terme last bypast of the saidis customes, extending to ane thowsand pundis, nochtwithstanding that neither they nor nane of the haill burrowis hes as zitt vptaikin or vlifted ony sovmes of money sen thair entry to the said tak, and thatt in respect thair of itt behovis thame to borrow the said sovme vpoun entres to the effect abouewrittin, and becaus the commissioneris of the burrowis of Perth, Dondie, and Abirdene hes nocht sic moyen in thair pairtis to aduance the said sovme of ane thowsand li. as hes the magistratis of the said burgh of Edinburgh, quha for the guid zeill and favour they beir to the aduancement and furthsetting of the common effaires of burrowis, at the ernist requiest and desyir of the saidis thre burrowis, hes accepted the burding on thame in name of the haill burrowis to borrow the said sovme of ane thowsand pundis payand for entres and proffeit thairfoir, as with sic as the samyn is to be borrowitt att they may best and esiest aggrie, and that it is neidfull to thame to have special commissioun of the burrowis to thatt effectt to contractt and appoyntt, Thairfoir the saidis commissioneris of the burrowis of Perth, Dondie, and Abirdene, for thame selffis and thair saidis burrowis, and takand the burding on thame for the remanentt burrowis of this realme as havand thair power and commissioun, gevis full power and commissioun to the provest baillies and counsall of the burgh of Edinburgh, in name of the haill burrowis, to contractt appoyntt and fynallie aggrie with ony maner of persoun or personis quha may be movitt to len and aduance the said sovme of j^m li. vpoun entres as said is, and to geve thame sic securitie thairfor as they resonable may desyre or requyre, and generallie heiranentt all sic thingis in name of the haill burrowis to do, vse, and exerce, as the saidis haill burrowis mycht do thamselues gif they war personali presentt, promesand ferme and stabill haldand and for to hald all and quhatsumeuer thingis the said

provest baillies and counsall of Edinburgh in the premissis thinkis neidfull to be done, vnder the hiest payne and charge they may incur be the law ; Attour insafar as it behovis the saidis provest baillies and counsall of Edinburgh to mak expenssis vpoun the performing of the effaires abouewrittin, and thatt they att the desyir of the saidis thre burrowis, as alsua of the remanentt burrowis convenitt at this conuention sen the begynning thair of and sensyne, hes to the effect abouementionatt aduancitt and debursit in thair names and to thair behufe dyueris and sindry sovmes of money, quhair of as zitt they haue resauitt na paymentt, thairfoir the saidis commissioneris of the thre burrowis aboue expremitt, for thame selues and in name and behalf of the haill remanentt, takand the burding on thame and havand commissioun as said is, willis and grantis thatt the said provest baillies and counsall of Edinburgh and thair successouris frielie intromitt with, vptak, and lift the Kingis Maiesties customes for thair said burgh, and mak thame selues paymentt of the first and rediest thair of, with full power to thame to retene the samyn in thair awin handis, ay and quhill they be payitt and relevitt of the said sovme of ane thowsand pundis, entres, and proffeitt to be payitt thairfoir, and of all and quhatsumever expenssis, coistis, skaythis, or dampnages alrady maid or sustenitt be thame, or quhilkis itt salhappin thame, for the cawsis fairsaidis concerning the saidis customes and poyntis of the said contractt maid thairupoun, heirefter to mak, vnderly, or sustene, vpoun compte and rakning alwayis to be maid be the said burgh of Edinburgh and magistratis thair of to the saidis thre burrowis, in name of the remanentt burrowis of this realme ; quhilkis comptis the commissioneris of the saidis thrie burrowis, in name and havand commissioun as is aboue specefeitt, promesis to cawse be allowitt to thame in the first end of the customes fairsaidis be the haill burrowis of this realme, and forther bindis and oblessis thame and thair saidis burrowis, takand the burding on thame for the haill burrowis as saidis, to releve for thair pairtis the said burgh of Edinburgh of all and sindry the premissis, quhen and quhow oft they be requyritt be thame or thair successouris thairto, butt obstacle, impedimentt, or ony contradicioun to be maid in the contrair ; provyding alwayis the making of this presentt actt and ordinance be nawayis prejudiciall to the saidis thre burrowis of Perth, Dondie, and Abirdene, or the remanentt burrowis of this realme

anentis the said burgh of Edinburghis pairtt in all thingis befor mentionat, and thatt they nochtwithstanding the premissis ar haldin and astricted to beir charge and releve for thair pairtt, as said is, the saidis thre burrowis and remanentt burrowis, alsweill of the zeirlie dewties to be payitt to the Kingis Maiestie for the sett of his Hienes customes, -as expenssis maid or to be maid thairvpoun.

Alexr. Clark, provest.

Dionis Conquerour.

Henrie Charteris.

Alexr. Scrymgeour.

Ihone Ihonstoun.

Alexr. Hay, burgh of Abirden.

Followis the tennour of the Kingis Maiesties sett and tak of his Hienes customes of this realme, maid be his Maiestie, with awyse of the Lordis of his Graces Secreit Counsall and Chakker, to the haill frie burrowis thairrof.

The contract betuix the Kingis Maies- tie and the burrowis anen- tis his Hienes customes of this realme.

At HALYRUDHOUS the fourtene day of Marche the zeir of God j^m v^c four scoir twa zeris, It is appointed aggreitt and fynallie enditt betuix the Richtt Heich, Richtt Excellent, and Michtie Prince IAMES be the grace of God king of Scottis oure Souerane Lord, be the speciall aduyce and consentt of the Lordis of his Secreitt Counsall and Auditouris of his Chakker, and Ihonn Fentoun his Hienes Comptroller, on the ane pairtt, and Alexander Clark of Balbirny, provest, Ihonn Ihonstoun, and Henry Charteris, commissioneris for the burgh of Edinburgh; Dioneis Conquerour, commissioner for the burgh of Perth; Alexander Scrymgeour, commissioner for the burgh of Dondie; and Alexander Hay comuissioner for the burgh of Abirdene, to the effectt vnderwritin, for thame selues, and takand the burding on thame for all and sindry oure said Souerane Lordis frie burrowis lyand within this realme, vpoun thatt vther pairtt, in maner, forme; and effect following, That is to say, oure said Souerane Lord with speciall aduyse and consentt foirsaid, for gude and wechtie considerationis tending to his vtilitie and proffeitt, hes sett, and be the tennour of thir presentis settis and in assedatioun lattis to the Provost, Baillies, and Counsall of his Hienes haill burrowis now presentt and thair successouris, havand the liberty of merchandise, and beand in vse to beir

charge with the saidis frie burrowis, All and Haill his Hienes customes appartenyngand belonging to his Maiestie of all gudis custombill, and nocht prohibitt, presentlie careitt furth of this realme or imported within the samyn, quhilkis have bene in vse to pay custome to his Maiestie or ony of his predecessouris at ony tyme heirtfoir, as alsua of all forbiddin gudes incais his Maiestie sal happen to toleratt or grantt licence to transportt ony in tyme cuming, for all the space, zeris, and terms of four zeris nixtt and immediatlie followand thair entry thairto, quhilk was and begun vpoun the first day of October last bypast in the zeir of God j^m v^c four scoir twa zeiris instantt, during the quhilk tyme thair salbe na restraintt of ony gudes now permitted to be transported, With power to the saidis Provest, Baillies, and Counsall and their successouris foirsaidis, ilkane respectie for thair awin pairtis, according as the speciall boundis salbe appointed to euery ane of thame within the quhilkis they salbe customeris, and be the aduyse of the saidis commissioneris of the haill burrowis, to sett, establische and appoyntt particular customeris att every frie poirtt quhair customeris are presently sett, and haif bene thir tymes bypast, and as sall seme gude and expedientt to the saidis burrowis in tyme cuming, to the quhilk they ar and salbe astricted be the tennour heiroyf, and it shall nocht be lesum to the saidis customeris, during the said space of four zeris, to alter change or augmentt the quantitie of the saidis customes, bot thatt they sall resave the samyn of thatt same quantitie as they have bene thir fourty zeris bygane, and to that effectt the saidis Provest, Baillies, and Counsall of Burrowis now presentt, and thair successouris foirsaidis, may frielie bruke and ioyse the saidis customes during the space foirsaid, oure said Souerane Lord with aduyse and consentt abouespecefeitt sall with full effectt mak all takis and assedationis of the saidis customes or ony pairtt thairof to be retroactitt, annullitt, and extinct, and sall cause the takismen reallie and with effectt nocht only desist, and ceis fra melling with the saidis customes in tyme cuming during the said space of four zeris, bott als sall cause and compell thame to mak compte rekning and payment to the Commissioneris of the saidis Burrowis and vtheris havand commissioun and power of thame of all customes resauitt be thame of quhatsumever gudes or quhilkis they mycht have resauitt sen the first day of October last bypast, and sall cawse and compell the customeris presentt to deliyuer the half seilles and stampis to the saidis commissioneris to the effectt foir-

said ; and the saidis customaris sall alwayis concur with the clarkis and keparis of the coquettis, and sall cawse all gudes customatt to be coquettit, and to thatt effectt his Maiestie sall cawse his clarkis and keparis of his coquetis to be rady att all tymes for passing of the coquetis butt delay or frustratioun of his lieges in thair weyages, and thatt they vse na extortioun nor exactioun by thair auld dewty vnder the payne of deprivioun of thair offices ; And incas be thair abuse, aither in non residence or extortioun, occasioun be offerit to oure said Souerane Lordis lieges to complene, the tryell of thair faultt and iugementt of thair deprivioun is to be thir presentis committed to the Comptroller, Aduocatt, Clark of Register, the Provost of Edinburgh now presentt or being for the tyme, or ony twa of thame, quha sall tak tryell thairanentt and putt reformatioun thairto as efferis. And the saidis Commissionaris of Burrowis for thame selffis and takand the burding as said is, sall, nochtwithstanding the said tak and assedatioun, mak compte zeirlie in the Chakker of the haille customes according to the consuetude obseruitt befor, and sall pay zeirlie for the saidis customes the sovme of foure thowsand pundis vsuall money of this realme alanerlie att four termes in the zeir, viz. Alhalowmes, Candilmes, Beltan, and Lambmes, quhither the saidis customes efter compte and rekning extend to mair or les, begynnand the first termes paymentt att the feist of Candilmes last bypast ; And forther sall zeirlie deliyuer thretty tunnis full Burdeaxl wynis to oure said Soverane Lordis vse at the chose and contentmentt of his Hienes somlieris, and gif ony mair wynis beis resauitt be his Maiesties somlieris, masteris af houshald, keparis of his Hienes castellis, or ony vthers his Hienes officiaris, be warand and command of his Hienes Comptroller, nor extendis to thretty tunnis, the samyn salbe zeirlie defalkitt to the saidis takismen and thair successouris in the payment of the said zeirlie dewty of four thowsand pundis specefeitt in the said tak, and als defalkand allowand to the saidis takismen and thair successouris fairsaidis customeris abouewrittin, sic sovmes as may be evicted fra the saidis takismen and thair fairsaidis be the law ; provyding alwayis the saidis Burrowis and thair customeris sall nocht be astricted to ansuer nor obey ony preceptt or directioun quhatsumeuer (exceptt befor exceptitt) vnto sic tyme the haille wynis be payitt that salhappin to be tane vp be ony persoun to his Maiesties vse be warand and command of his Comptroller fra ony merchantt of this realme,

by and attour the thretty tunnis foirsaid ; And for sure paymentt of the saidis four thowsand pundis zeirly at the termes abouewrittin, and als of the saidis thretty tunnis wyne, thatt letteris of horning or poynding be directt at the instance of his Hienes Comptroller aganis the Provost, Baillies and Counsall of the saidis burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Donde, and Abirdene, coniunctlie and seueralie ; And they to have the lyke letteris aganis the provost, baillies and counsall of the remanentt burrowis in forme as efferis ; Attour his Maiestie with aduyse foirsaid, and the saidis commissioneris of burrowis ar contentt and consentis that this presentt contractt and assedatioun be acted and registratt in the buikis of counsall to have the strenth of ane actt and decreitt of the Lordis thairof, and that letteris and executoriallis be directt heiropoun in forme as foirsaid. IN WITNESSING QUHAIROF the Kingis Maiestie, with aduyse and consentt of the saidis Lordis of his Previe Counsall and Chakker, and the saidis Commissioneris of Burrowis, hes subscriuitt this presentt contractt with thair handis as followis, day, zeir, and place foirsaidis, befor thir witnessis, nobill and michtie Lordis, Colyne Erle of Argyle Lord Campbell and Lorn, chancellor, Williame Erle of Gowry Lord Ruthven, thesaurer, Ihonn Erle of Montrois Lord Graham, Hew Erle of Eglinton Lord Montgomery, George Bishop of Murray, Adam Bishop of Orknay, Robertt Commendatour of Dunfermeling, Iames Commendatour of Pitenweme, Adam Commendatour of Campuskenneth, collectour generall, Ihonn Fentoun, comptroller, Maister David Makgill of Nesbett, aduocatt, and Alexander Hay, clark of register, with vtheris dyueris. *Et sic subscribitur.* JAMES R. Argyle, Gowry, R. Dumfermeling, Moravien, Culros, Ad. Orcaden, Mr David Makgill, Cathcartt, Iames Halyburton, A. Cambuskenneth, Ballenden, Blantyre, Ihonn Fenton, comptroller, A Hay, Alexr. Clark provost of Edinburgh, Henry Charteris, Ihonn Ihonston, Dioneis Conquerour, Alexr. Scrymgeour, Alexr. Hay burges of Abirden.

Air.

In the Conventioun of Burrowis haldin at Air, the tent, elevint, tuelt, threitteint, fourteint, fifteint, sevinteint and aughtene days of Iunij in the zeir of God I^m V^e four scoir thre zeris, comperit the commissioneris of burrowis following, and producit thair commissionis, pairtlie vnder thair seillis of cawsis and pairtlie vnder the subscriptionis of thair commoun clarkis viz.:

For Edinburgh, Henry Chairteris, Michiaell Gilbert; Perth, Dioneis Conquerour; Dundie, Alexander Skrymgeour; Striveling, Williame Norowell; Air, Robert Campbell, provest, Archibald Fergushill, and Dauid Crawford; Linlithqu, Androw Kar; Cowpar, Iames Andersoun; Hadingtoun, Ihon Aytoun; Dumbartan, Maister William Houstoun; Glasqu, Archibald Hiegait; Wigtoun, Richart Campbell; Dunfreis, Ihon Merschell, baillie, Iames Ihonstoun; Kirkcudbrycht, Harbertt Gledstanys; Irrowyne, Thomas Broun; Craill, Ihon Meluile; Kingorn, Ihonn Kirkcaldy; Laneark, William Wilkyn; Qubithorn, Williame Houstoun; Dunbar, Robert Lawder; Iedburgh, George Douglas, Ihonn Hensly; Peiblis, Patrik Dicksoun; Dumfermeling, Robert Pawtoun; Kirkcaldy, Ihonn Hacquett; Lawder, Androw Lawder; Innerkething, Thomas Michell; Dysartt, Dauid Gaudin; Pettinweme, Stevin Martyne; Elgyne, Alexander Boynd; Northbervik, Thomas Lawder, baillie; Innernes, Iaspartt Kynning; Forres, Williame Dalgleische; Renfrow, Ihonn Houstoun; Ruglene, Alane Pinkerton, Dauid Spens.

Decimo Iunij 1583.

Protestatioun,
Dumbar, pro-
curatour for
the Laird of
Foullis.

THE QUHILK day, in the conuentioun of burrowis haldin and begun at the said burgh the day abouewrittin, comperit Adam Dumbar as procuratour for Robert Monro off Foullis and producitt ane lettir of procuratory maid be the said Robert to him as he allegit, thairby as apperit gevand him power to compeir befor the commissioneris foirsaidis the day abouewrittin for sic cawses as war speciallie mentionat, and in respect of the said Adamis comperance protested Ihonn Arnott souerity for the said Robertt Monrow of Foullis suld be fred of his cautionarship, and heirvpon askit instrumentis.

Vndecimo Iunij 1583.

THE QUHILK DAY, Dauid Crawford, ane of the commissioneris of the burgh of Air, askitt instrumentis vpoun the production of the towne of Edinburghis commissioun be Henry Chairteris and Michael Gilbertt, commissioneris thairin contenitt, and protested thatt the said burgh of Edinburgh, in respectt of the contravening of thair actis maid at Edinburgh the xvth of Iulij 1574, suld incur the payne and vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis thairin contenit.

Protestatioun
commissiouner;
Air contra
Edinburgh.

The samyn day, Iaspartt Kynning, commissioner for the burgh of Innerness, protested thatt the enrolling of the tovne of Thayne amongis the remanentt frie burrowis, and calling and vnlawing of thame at euery seuerall conventioun, suld nocht preiuge the said burgh of Innernes anentt thair liberties and actioun, quhilk thay haif or mycht have aganis the said tovne of Thayne for vsurping as he allegit of their liberties.

Protestatioun,
Innernes con-
tra Thayne.

The samyn day, comperitt Iohn Stewartt, schireff of Bute, provest of the burgh of Rothesay, and voluntarlie in name of the said burgh and inhabitantis thair of, obleist him to abyde att and ratifie all and quhatsumever lawis constitutionis and vtheris actis maid or to be maid at this presentt convention, lykeas be by thir presentis ratefeis and appreis the samyn in name and behalf aboue written.

Approving of
the actis be
Rothesay.

The samyn day, Iohn Houstoun, allegitt wobstar, commissioner for the burgh of Renfrew, befor his admissioun in commissioun for the said burgh, renuncitt his occupation of wobster craft and gaif his aith he hes nocht of lang tyme bygane vsitt or exercit the samyn, lyke as in tyme cuming he sall nocht vse nor exerce the said craft, quhairvpoun Robertt Campbell provest and ane of the commissioneris of the said burgh of [Air] in name of the haill burrowis as Moderatour to this conuentioun askit instrumentis; in respect quhairof the said Iohn Houstoun was resaut in commissioun, etc.

Houstoun com-
missioner of
Renfrew
renuncitt his
craft.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris forsaidis fyndis and decernis the burrowis of Abirdene, Sanctandros, Selkirk, Banff, Forfar, Breichan, Culane, and Thayne, in respect of thair non comperance to this presentt conuentioun, being lawfully citet thairto be the provest and baillies of the burgh of Air, as was sufficientlie verefeitt be thame, to haif incurritt euery ane of thame the payne and vnlaw of tenty pundis, quhilk thay ordane to be vplifted of thame butt favouris, and the actt of parliament

Vnlawing bur-
rows absentt.

maid thairanent to be putt to do executioun ; and Iaspar Kynning commissioner for the burgh of Innernes protested thatt the vnlawing of the said Burgh of Thayne as ane frie burgh suld nocht preiuge the said burgh of Innernes in thair privilegis and actioun, as is contenit in ane act and protestatioun maid of befoir.

Duodecimo Iunij 1583.

Protestatioun
Charteris, com-
missioner for
Edinburgh.

Edinburgh ad-
iugit in ane
hundreth pun-
dis for present-
ing of Michael
Gilbert gold-
smyth in
commissioun,
quha for obedi-
ence of the
Kingis charge
was resauit.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris of burrowis fairsaidis fynds the burgh of Edinburgh to haif incurritt the payne and vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis for contravening of thair act maid at Edinburgh the xvth of Iulij anno 1574, in respectt of thair sending in commissioun of Michael Gilbertt goldsmyth, contrair the tenour of the said actt, and admittet for this presentt conventioun alanerlie Henry Charteris and the said Michael as commissioneris for the said burgh of Edinburgh, but preiudice of the actt fairsaid and vtheris the liberties of burrowis, and thatt in respect of oure Souerane Lordis letteris and charge gevin to the saidis commissioneris be Iohn Scherar messenger to thatt effectt, and for feir and obedience of the samyn and na vtherwayis ; and Henry Charteris commissioner fairsaidis, in name of the said burgh of Edinburgh, protested thatt thay suld nawayis incur the said payne and vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis, nor zett be compellet to pay the samyn, in safar as for obedience of oure Souverane Lordis decreitt arbitrall gevin and pronuncitt be his Hienes as ourisman and certan vtheris iugis, arbitouris betwix the merchantis and craftismen of the said burgh, they war compellit to obtemper and obey the samyn ; and the said commissioneris of burrowis ordanitt the saidis letters and charge to be registrat in thair conuention buke, of the quhilkis letteris the tennour followis : IAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis, to our louittis Iohn Scherar etc. messengeris, oure schreffis in thatt pairtt coniunctlie and seueralie specialy constitute, greting, For samekill as we of laitt considdering the greitt diuisioun and contrauersie thatt hes bene betwix the merchantis and craftismen of oure burgh of Edinburgh concerning aither of thair privilegis, and fynding thatt the contrauersie thair of was likelie to have movit greitt trubill and inconvenient amangis thame, to the hindering of oure seruice and contempt of ws and oure authoritie, for preventing thair of, and thair eis and satisfactioun, We, with aduyse of certane personis to quhome all the saidis con-

trauersies war submittit, haif sett doun ane forme and ordour quhow and in quhatt maner they sall vse thame selues in tyme cuming, in the quhilk it is specialie provydit that ane of the merchanttis, and ane vther of the craftis estaitt salbe commissioneris att all parliamentis and conuentionis generall in tyme cuming, Oure will is heirfor and we charge zow straitlie and commandis that incontinent thir oure letteris sene ze pas and in oure name and auctorite command and charge the commissioneris of oure burrowis, quhilkis ar to convene at oure burgh of Air vpoun the tentt of Iunij instantt, to ressaue and admitt sic personis to be of their nomber and to haif place and voitt with thame as salbe authoresitt with commissionis from oure said burgh of Edinburgh to the said conuention, and to mak na refuse excuse nor impediment thair of be virtu or vnder cullour of oure actis of parliament or vtherwayis, quhairanentt for quyetnes cawse we have dispensitt and dispensis be thir presentis, as the saidis commissioneris and ilk ane of thame will ansuer to ws vpoun thair obedience at thair vttermest charge and parrell, and vnder all hiest payne cryme and offence they may committ and meyn aganis oure Maiestie in thatt behalff, The quhilk to do we commit to zow coniunctle and seueralie oure full power be thir oure letteris delyuering thame be zow dewlie execute and indorsett agane to the berar. Gevin vnder oure signett and subscriuit with oure hand at Falkland the saxt day of Iunij, and of oure reigne the xvj zeir.

The samyn day, anentt the supplicatioun gevin in be Dauid Clark and Maister Hercules Balrany induellaries in the tovne of Bruntiland, quhairby thai desyritt the samyn, being ane burgh of regalite and doted with the lyke privilegis as is the tovne of Dunfermeling, quhairvpoun confirmatioun is past be oure Souerane Lord with aduyse of vmquhill Iames, sumtyme Erle of Mortoun, Regentt to his Hienes lieges and realme for the tyme, vnder his grace Greitt Seill, to be enrollet with the remanentt frie burrowis of this realme and to beir with theme all maner of portabill chargis requisit, The saidis commissioneris, insafar as they cam nocht instructed to thatt effectt, continewis the ansuer geving thareto vnto thair nixt generall conuention and assembly of burrowis quhairsoeuer it salhappen the samyn to be haldin, and ordanis the provest and baillies of the burgh quhair the said conuention is to be appoynted to remember the haill burrowis in thair missives to be sentt to thame for keping of the said conuention, to send thair commissioneris fullie instructed to give ansuer thairto.

Continuatioun
ansuer to
Bruntislandis
supplicatioun
quhill thair
nixt conven-
tioun.

Making of
commissioneris
to tak ordour
anent the
Kingis
customis.

The same day, efter lang resoning vpoun the taking of ordour with the Kingis Maiesties customes, quhairvnto the haill burrowis of this realme ar takismen, the sadis commissioneris makis and constitutis the commissioneris of the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondie, Striveling, Air, Irrowyne, Kingorn, and Craill to convene the morn be sevin houris in the morning, for establisching of ane fynall ordour thairanentt and collectioun of the samyn, and willis that Iames Andersoun clark and commissioner of Cowpar assist thame in this behalff. Quhilkis commissioneris appoynted as said is accepted in and vpon thame the said office of commissioner, and the saidis haill remanentt commissioneris of burrowis promesit to hald ferme and stabill all and quhatsumever thingis anent the premissis the saidis commissioneris appoynted to the effect fairsaid thinkis needfull to be done, etc.

Decimo tercio Iunij 1583.

Oursicht to
Quhithorn to
remane from
conventionis
for thre zeris.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris of burrowis fairsaidis efter aduysment with the supplication gevin in befor thame be Williame Houstoun commissioner of the burgh of Quhithorn, quhairby he humblie cravit the same to be exemit fra keping of conventionis in respect of thair greit poverty, as in the said supplicatioun at lenth is contenit, The saidis commissioneris for the cawsis fairsaidis dispensit and dispensis with the comperance of the said burgh of Quhithorn to thair conventionis for the space of thre zeris nixt heirefter, and willis they be ouersene thairintill during the said space, provyding alwayis the said burgh send thair commission with the burgh ewest the samyn to ilk convention as they salbe varnit thairto for ratefeing and appreving of sic actis lawis and constitutionis as salhappin to be entreitit and concludit thairatt, and this but preiudice of the keping be the remanent burrowis of all maner of conventionis quhensoeuer the samyn sall occur.

Decimo quarto Iunij 1583.

Commissioneris
appointit
to alter the
taxt rollis.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris fairsaidis efter lang resoning anent the alteration of the extent rollis of burrowis maid at Cowpar in Februar 1578 zeris, quhilk was than ordanit to indure for thre zeris

thairefter, and langer ay and quhill the samyn war reformit, conforme to ane act maid thairanent, Fyndis and delyueris in respect of dyueris actis and continuationis maid anent the alteratioun foirsaid sensyne, and thatt the saidis zeris ar of lang tyme bypast expyritt, as alsua of dyueris and sindry complayntis gevin in be sindry commissioneris of burrowis quha ar decrest in substance for alteration and reformation of the samyn, and that the saidis burrowis war ordanit to send thair commissioneris to this convention fullie instructed to thatt effect, thatt the said taxt roll maid att Cowpar salbe instantlie in this presentt convention afor the desolving thairfra alterit and reformit, and for alteration and reformation thairof appoyntis and nominatis Henry Charteris, ane of the commissioneris of the burgh of Edinburgh, Dioneis Conquerour commissioner for Perth, Alexander Scrymgeour commissioner for Dondie, William Norowell commissioner for Striveling, Archibald Fergushill ane of the commissioneris for Air, Androw Kar commissioner for Linlithqu, Iames Anderson commissioner for Cowper, Maister William Houstoun commissioner for Dumbartan, Ihoun Aytoun commissioner for Hadingtoun, Harbertt Gledstanis commissioner for Kirkeudbrycht, and Stevin Martyne commissioner for Pettinweme, quha acceptit in and vpon thame the said alteratioun, and gaif thair aythis dewlie, but feid or favour as they wald ansuer to God, to do the samyn, and the saidis haill remanentt burrowis for thame selues, and in name of the haill burrowis of this realme, promesis to hald ferme and stabill all and quhatsumever thingis the saidis commissioneris appoyntit to the alteratioun foirsaid thairanent sall think neidfull to be done, etc.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis fynding thame selfis and thair estait gretumlie preiugitt of thair liberteis be the Lordis of oure Soverane Lordis counsall, quha at euery occasioun of extentt takis vpoun thame the taxing of the burrowis by thair consentis, Ordanis the magistratis of the burgh of Edinburgh with all gudlie diligence to geve in ane complayntt to the Kingis Maiestie and his Hienes Secreit Counsall for reformation thairof, and that in name of the haill burrowis of this realme, and to repoirrt thair diligence at the nixt conuention as they tender the weillfair of thair estait.

The samyn day, in the conventioun of burrowis haldin at the said burgh, being presentt the commissioneris of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondie,

Edinburgh
ordanitt to
seik redres for
the taxing of
burrowis be
the Lordis of
Secreit Coun-
sall.

Offer of Dum-
bar, procura-
tour for Robertt
Monro of
Foullis, anentis
byrun cus-
tomis.

Striveling, Air, Linlithqu, Cowpar, and remanent commissioneris of burrowis, comperitt Adam Dumbar as procuratour for Robert Monro of Foullis and offerit to thame the sovme of ane hundreth pundis money of this realme as for the dewtie as he allegit of the customis of Innernes of the terme of Mertymes last bypast, conforme to ane allegit tak maid to the said Robertt thairof be vmquhill Schir William Murray of Tullybardin, Knycht, sumtyme comptroller to oure Souerane Lord, together with twa half seillis of the coquett of Innernes, baith of ane prentt, and contening ane superscription about the samyn, viz, Innernes having the pictour and prentt of oure lady, and thatt for obedience as he allegit of oure Souerane Lordis letteris raisit at the instance of the commissioneris of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondie, and Abirdene aganis the said Robertt thairanent, To quhome it was ansueritt be the saidis commissioneris thatt they culd nocht resave the said sovme and seillis fairsaidis as was offeritt, in respect the said Adam producit na compte of the said Robertis intromissionis with the saidis customes sen the first day of October last conforme to the saidis letteris, and offerit thame rady to ressave the said sovme and seillis as ane pairtt of the fulfilling of the saidis letteris, sua being the said Adam wald produce ane compte as said is sen the said day, and requyritt the said Adam to delyver the saidis seillis to thame, quha alluterlie refusit exceptt thatt the same and sovme fairsaid war resauitt together according to his offer abouewrittin, and heirvpoun the said Adam, and als Robert Campbell provest of the said burgh of Air in name of the haille commissioneris as moderator, askitt actis and instrumentis.

Continuatioun
ansuer to Ihonn
Guthreis sup-
plicatioun to
thair next con-
ventioun.

The samyn day, the commissioneris befor namitt efter lang resoning with the supplicatioun producitt to thame be Ihonn Guthre clark, quhair- by he requyritt thatt his paynis and travell tane be him thir dyueris zeris past in their effaires suld be according to his merit dewlie recom- pensit, as alsua thatt they suld geve him to vnderstand quhither they war of mynd to employ him forther in thair effaires or nocht, quhilk gif they war myndit to do thatt sic dewtie suld be modefeit to him as the oursichtt of his commoun office, tynsall of the commoditie thairof induring his awaiting on thame, and paynis heirefter to be tane be him in thair effaires, quhensoeuer occasion salbe offeritt, mycht be respectitt, as in his said supplicatioun and articlis gevin in thairupoun at mair lenth is contenitt, Fyndis thatt befor thair desolving the said Ihonn salbe dewlie rewardit

for his paynis and travell tane be him in thair effaires preceding this conventioun, and that he vnto thair next generall conventioun diligentlie awaitt vpoun sic chargis as in the menetye sall intervene; and becaus the commissioneris presentt ar nochtt instructit to geve dew ansuer to the supplicatioun foirsaid, they ordane the magistratis of the burgh quhair the said nixtt generall convention salbe appoyntit to be haldin, to remember the haill burrowis direct thair commissioneris fullie instructed for ansuering to the said Ihonnis supplicatioun, and in the menetye quhatt paynis and travellis it salhappin him to tak in thair effaires they faythfullie promiseit to see him thankfullie recompansit thairfoir, als oft as he salbe employitt be thame thairto.

The same day, Ihonn Merschell commissioner for Dunfreis askitt instrumentis thatt he offerit him in name of the said burgh, incais they wald grantt to thame the Kingis Maiesties customes thairfoir, to tak the samyn and to fynd cautoun to geve als mekill thairfoir, and to be als ansuerabill to the burrowis, as ony vtheris sutaris thairfoir.

Offer Dunfreis for the customis.

Decimo quarto Iunij 1583.

THE SAMYN DAY, the commissioneris foirsaidis, for resonabill cawsis moving thame, dispensis with the extremitie of the letteris raisit be the burgh of Edinburgh in thair names for vplifting of the vnlawis of Innernes, Forres, Elgyne, and Narne for thair absence fra the conventionis specialie mentionat thairin, the commissioneris of the saidis burrowis dispensit with presentlie satefeand the officeris executouris of the saidis letteris dewlie as efferis, and ordanis Ihonn Guthre thair clark to direct tikketis to the saidis officeris to the effect abouewrittin.

Vnlawis of certane burrowis remittit.

The same day, fyndis that sic commissioneris as salbe direct to the Kingis Maiestie in thair effaires sall remember to be aduysit with the complaint gevin in befoir thame be the tovene of Peiblis anentt the greit iniuries done to thame be the four clannis of Ihonstonis, Grahamis, Elliotis and Armestrangis, and quhat redres may be ressonabliest obtenit thairfoir.

Commissioneris to be aduysit with Peiblis complaint.

Decimo quinto Iunij 1583.

Ratificatioun of
the actis maid
at this conven-
tioun be Ied-
burgh, and they
licenciat to pas
hame.

THE QUHILK DAY, it being menit be the commissioner of Iedburgh thatt for obedience of oure Souerane Lordis letteris they behovit to convene vpon the borderis vpon the xx day of this instant Iunij, the saidis commissioneris in respect thair of grantis and licentiat is the said commissioner to depairtt hame to his burgh, quha, befor his away passing ratefeit and apprevit all and quhatsumever thingis suld be intreittit and concludit on be the remanent burrowis at this present conuentioun, and specialie the ordour to be taikin anent the customes and taxtt rollis, and the saidis haill commissioneris presentlie assemblit requeistis the said burgh of Edinburgh to fortefie and assist the said tovne of Iedburgh aganis the vnfrie tovne of Hawik, vsurparis of thair liberties.

Licence
granted to
Peiblis so des-
olue, quha rate-
feitt the actis.

The same day, gevis and grantis licence to the commissioner of Peiblis to desolue fra this presentt assemblie in respect of the raid abouewrittin, quha ratefeitt and apprevitt, and be the tennour heirof ratefeis and apprevis, all and quhatsumever thingis alsweill concerning the alteratioun of the taxt rollis customes as vtherwayis to be entreittit on at this present conuentioun, etc.

Continuatioun
ansuer to Edin-
burgh and
Dondies com-
plaintis.

The same day, anentis the complayntis of the burghis of Edinburgh and Dondy aganis the burgh of Elgene, quha compellis the friemen of the saidis burrowis to sell and geve vp the entressis of thair gudes as vnfriemen, as alsua in purchessing of lordschip outwith burgh for man-tening of thame in vpstreking of durris within thair said burgh, and violentt away taking of certane friemenis gudis and salmond furth thair of, Fyndis the samyn to be rememberit at thair nixtt generall conuentioun, and that the burrowis send thair commissioneris thairto fullie instructed to tak ordour thairanent, and to be contenit in the missiues to be sentt to the saidis burrowis.

Certain bur-
rowis licentiat
to desolue fra
this conven-
tioun quha
ratefeitt the
actis.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis in respect of the distance of boundis of the burrowis of Elgyne, Innernes, Forres, Dunfermeling, Innerkething, Lawder, Northbervik, Laneark, Ruglene, Wigtoun, as alsua of thair povertie, grantis and gevis licence to the commissioneris thair of to pas hame fra this presentt conuentioun, quha ratefeitt and apprevit and be the tenour heirof ratefeis apprevis all and quhatsumever thingis

intreittit on at this conuentioun, alsweill concerning the Kingis customes taxtt rollis as vtherwayis.

The same day, for caussis moving thame, dispenis with the tovene of Lawderdispen-
 Lawder for thair vnlaw incurrit be thame be thair absence fra ane con- sit with, quha
 uention of burrowis haldin at Edinburgh in Februar last, they satefeand ratefeitt.
 the officeris executouris of the letteris raisit to thatt effect dewlie as
 efferis, and ordanis Ihonn Guthre clark to subseryve in thair names ane
 discharge to the saidis officeris.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis gevis and disponis to the
 burgh of Elgyne the vnlaw of the burgh of Montrois for thair absence vnlaw Mon-
 fra this present conuentioun as they that war lawfully citat thairto, as trois disponitt
 was sufficientlie verefeitt, the said tovene of Elgyne making all maner of to Elgyne.
 expenssis in suting thairto.

The same day, remittis to the burgh of Irrowyne thair vnlaw incurrit Irrowenis vn-
 be thame be thair absence fra ane conuentioun haldin at Edinburgh in law remittitt.
 December last, they payand the expenssis maid vpoun the letteris raisit
 thairanent, and suspendis simpliciter the samyn.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis statutis and ordanis thatt
 the commissioneris nominatt for taking of ordour with the Kingis Act thatt the
 Maiesties customes and alteration of the taxtt rollis sall nochtt depairt commissioneis
 furth of this burgh of Air quhill fynall ordour be tane thairanent, and alteraris of the
 and the samyn perfytlie concludit, and that vnder the payne of ane hundreth taxtt rollis sall
 pundis to be tane of thame quha salhapin to contravene this present nocht desolue.
 ordinance, provyding alwayis the alteration of the said extent roll be
 first entreittit on and nane vtheris quhill the samyn and customes foir-
 saidis tak dew resolutioun.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis fyndis thatt befor thair
 desolving commissioneris salbe directt fra thame to the Kingis Maestie Commission-
 for ansuering to his Hienes thre missives presentit to thame be Patrik eris to be ap-
 Fyldour his Grace seruitor. pointed for an-
 suering to the
 Kingis thre
 missives.

Decimo septimo Iunij 1583.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondie, Protestatio—
 Striveling, Air, Cowpar, Linlithqu, Hadingtoun, Dumbartan, Pettinwome, Fyldour—
 Conservatour.

and Kirkcudbrycht, commissioneris nominatt for alteratioun of the taxtt rollis of burrowis, being conuenit in the tolbuyth of the said burgh of Air to thatt effect, comperit Patrik Fyldour, seruitour to the Kingis Maiestie, and protestit in name of Maister George Hacquett conseruatour, thatt na thing concludit at this presentt conuention concerning the said conseruatour suld preiuge him ather in his office of conseruatory or anentis the dewties belonging thairto.

Moderator re-
movitt.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis fyndis thatt Robert Campbell provest of Air, moderator of this presentt conuention, sall remove him selffe as the remanentt commissioneris thairof, quhill ordour be tane anent the alteration of the taxtt roll of the said burgh of Air alanerly, quha removit him selff according heirtto, quhairvpoun Alexander Skryngeour commissioner for Dondie askitt instrumentis, etc.

Protestatioun,
Charteris com-
missioner
Edinburgh
anentis voting.

The samyn day, Henry Charteris ane of the commissioneris of the burgh of Edinburgh protested thatt, in the alteratioun of the taxtt rollis of burrowis, the commissioneris of the said burgh mycht have twa voitis thairintill according to the act of parliament and thair auld vse, quhairvnto the commissioneris foirsaidis maid ansuer that in this cais of alteratioun of the extentt roll of the saidis burrowis he onlie was elected, and that thairfoir na man culd have vote in the said alteratioun bott onlie he quha wes chosin thairupoun, as said is, lykeas wes practesitt in the alteratioun of the last taxtt roll alterit at Cowpar the penult day of Februar the zeir of God 1578 zeris; efter quhilk ansuer gevin to him in maner abouewrittin be the saidis commissioneris, he inlykemaner protestit thatt this thair ordinance suld nocht preiuge the said burgh of Edinburgh in ony tyme cuming in ony vtheris or the lyke thair effaires anent thair liberties and privilegis, granted to the said burgh be oure Souerane Lordis maist nobill progenitouris, and apprevit be his Hienes and the estaites of this realme in his Maiesties actis of parliament maid thairanent, concerning twa voittis dewlie belonging to the said burgh, as be allegit, in all the effaires of burrowis, generall conuentionis thairof, and parliamentis.

Alteratioun ex-
tentt rollis.

The same day, forsamekill as vpoun the xiiij day of Iunij instant the commissioneris of burrowis conuenit at this conuention be thair act and ordinance than fand and declarit that the taxtt roll of burrowis maid at Cowpar suld be alteritt and reformitt at this presentt conuention afoir

the desolving thair of, and for alteratioun and reformatioun quhair of thay appoynted elected and nominatt Henry Charteris for Edinburgh, Dioneis Conquerour commissioner for Perth, Alexander Skrymgeour commissioner for Dondie, William Norowell commissioner for Striveling, Archibald Fergushill commissioner for Air, Androw Kar commissioner for Linlithqu, Iames Anderson commissioner for Cowpar, Maister William Houstoun commissioner for Dumbartan, Ihonn Aytoun commissioner for Hadingtoun, Harbert Gledstanyis commissioner for Kirkcudbrycht, and Stevin Martyne commissioner for Pettinweme, quhilkis personis commissioneris foirsaidis accepted the reformatioun and alteratioun of the saidis taxtt rollis in and vpoun thame in presence of the haill commissioneris, and hes maid fayth to do the samyn lelelie and trewlie, but feid or favour, conforme to thair knowlege and conscience; and thay, efter lang advysement tane be thame thairanent, havand God and gude conscience befor ee, altogether reformit the saidis rollis as they ar particular efter writtin vpoun ilk burgh in speciall, vpoun the sovme of ane hundreth pundis to be tane and collected of the haill burrowis; and this reformatioun to stand for the space of thre zeris nixt heirefter following, and ay and quhill the samyn be new reformit and alterit be the commissioneris of burrowis appoyntit and conuenit to thatt effect, efter lawfull aduerteisment maid to the haill, and the saidis commissioneris hes assegnit for the collectioun of ilk hundreth pundis of the taxtt roll foirsaid twa pundis fourtene schillingis; and quhatsumever taxatioun salbe heirefter leviated or ordanit to be tane of the burrowis of this realme the samyn to be stentit be Edinburgh conforme to the saidis rollis reformit at this convention as said is, and na wtherwayis; and that oure Souerane Lordis letteris of hornying be direct vpoun the said new taxtt roll for obedience thair of, as wes ever at ony tyme heirtofor vpoun the auld taxtt rollis.

The alteratioun of the taxtt roll alteritt and reformitt at Air the xvij day of Iunij 1583 zeris be the commissioneris of burrowis of this realme appoyntit thairto, and that of the sovme of ane hundreth pundis to be collected of the haill burrowis of this realme, etc.

Item, Inprimis, Edinburgh with Kin-	Dunbar, x s.
gorn and Innerkething thretty	Lawder, vj s. viij d.
pundis.	Drumfreis, xl s.

Extent Roll

In payment quhairof fyndis thatt
Kingorn according to thair ac-
customat pairt aucht to be dimi-
nischitt.

Striveling, xlvj s. viij d.

Linlithqu, xxiij s. viij d.

Rothsay, vj s. viij d.

Dumbarton, xv s. v d.

Renfrow, xx s. iij d.

Ruthuglen, viij s.

Air, xlvij s. iiij d.

Irrowyne, xxvij s.

Glesgow, iij li. x s.

Kircudbright, xvj s.

Wigtoun, xxiiij s.

Quhithorne, viij s.

Lanerk, xvj s. ix d.

Iedburch, xxvj s. iiij d.

Selkrik, xiiij s. vj d.

Peblis, xv s. j d.

Hadingtoun, xl s.

Northbervik, v s.

Summa totalis jc iij li. xiiij s. ; and this iij li. xiiij s. is for the collec-
tion thair of.

Abirdene, ix li. ix s.

Dundie, xj li.

Perthe, vj li.

Banff, xiiij s. vj d.

Drumfermeling, xvj s.

Craill, xx s.

Forfair, x s. j d.

Brechine, xxviij s.

Montrois, xliij s.

Elgyn, xxx s.

Innernes, xxvj s. viij d.

Abirbrothok, xx s.

Sanctandrois, iiij li.

Cowper, xxxv s. vj d.

Cullane, vj s. x d.

Fores, x s.

Narne, v s.

Thayne, x s. j d.

Dysert, xl s.

Kirkcaldy, xxiiij s.

Pettinweme, xx s.

Burrowis aug-
mentitt.

The burrowis eikit and augmentit

Edinburgh with Kingorne and Innerkething xl s., in payment quhairof
the commissioneris findis that Kingorne aucht to be deminissit according
to thair accustomat pairt.

Glesgow, xlv s. vj d.

Ruglen, viij s.

Iedburch, iij s. viij d.

Dunbar, ij s.

Drumfreis, xxx d.

Elgyn, xl d.

Sanctandrois, x s.

Dysert, x s.

Kirkcaldy, iiij s.

Pettinweme, vj s. viij d.

Summa v li. xv s. viij d.

	The burrowis deduceit and impairit	Burrowis dinis- nischitt.
Air, xx s.	Craill, x s.	
Qubithorne, viij s.	Narne, xxij d.	
Lawder, xvj s.	Forres, vj s. ix d.	
Dundie, xvj s. viij d.	Dunbartane, ij s. iiij d.	
Perth, xvj	Brechine, ij s.	
Innernes, xl d.		

Summa iiij li. xj s. vij d.

xvij Iunij lxxxij.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris foirsaidis being present, Alexander Scrymgeour commissioner for Dundie protestit that the voiting of Dioneis Conquerour commissioner for Perth afor him as commissioner for Dundie foirsaid, nor na vtheris creatit at this present convention, quhilk may authorice the pretendit decreit gevin aganis the said toun of Dundie anent prioritie of place, in na wayis preiudge the said burch of Dundie anent the reduction of the said pretendit decreit as law requyris, bot that thai as geve the said decreit had nocht bene gevin mycht haue, but preiudice of the said reduction, sic access to thair iust persute as geve the said decreit had nocht beine gevin. ~~Quhairinto ansuerit the said commissioner of Perth that in respect of the decreit already past betwix the saidis burrowis of Perth and Dundie of thair possession of the second place nint Edinburgh conforme thairto the said protestatione saucht no ansuer.~~

This delectit in respect na ansuer wes maid. Subscriyvit be the commissioneris of Edinburgh, Air, Cowpar, and Kingorn.

Henrie Charteris.

Dauid Crauffurd.

Michael Gylbert.

I. Andersone.

Ihone Kyrkcaldy.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis frelie remittis the twa vnlawis incurrit be the burch of Edinburgh for thair non comperance to the conventionis speciallie contenit in the letteris raisit at the instance of

the burch of Edinburgh, as heavand commissioun of the hail remanent burrowis of this realme, againis thame, Quhairanent thay in all tymis cuming dispensis and willis the executioun of the saidis letteris ceis and haue na forder effect.

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Kingorn Ex-
tent rolls.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris of the burch of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Stirling, Air, Lynlithcow, Cowper, Dunbartane, Glesgow, Dunbar, Craill, Kingorne, Kirkcaldy, Irvin, Pettinweme, Dysart, Northbervik, and Kirkcudbrycht, appointis the commissioneris ordanit to tak ordour anent the placeing of custumaris within the burch of Edinburgh and vtheris burrowis of this realme, to wit, the said burchis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, and Abirdene, to taxt and extent the said burch of Kingorne according to thair knowlege and conscience, except the provest baillies and counsale of Edinburghe schaw ane reasonabill caus quhy the samyn aucht nocht to be done. And Henry Charteris ane of the commissioneris of Edinburch dissasentit thairto in name thairof, and protestit the samyn suld nocht preiudge the liberteis and privileges quhairin thay haue bene in possessioun as be allegit past memorie of man.

Ordour pres-
cryuit to the
taking ordour
of the customes.

The same day, the commissioneris appointit for taking of ordour with the Kingis Maiesties customeis, quhairof the burrowis of this realme ar tacksmen, as alsua the remanent commissioneris abowewritin, hes thocht gude that thair be custumaris appointit in ilk fute burch of this realme quhair cokatis hes beine accustomat of auld, or quhair as it salbe thocht be thame maist proper meit and commodious to be placeit; and for placeing of the saidis custumaris the saidis pertis ordanis the commissioneris of the burch of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, and Abirdene, or sic vtheris as the saidis four commissioneris sall appoint, to pas throw the hail burrowis of this realme vpoun the reasonabill expensis of the hail burrowis of this realme for placeing and inputting in ilkane of the foirnameit burrowis quhairfra the saidis cokkattis hes bene in vse to be directit, or vtherwayis maist commodious and ewest rowmes adjacent thairto, qualefeit sufficient and honest customaris, quha sall haue thair residence and remaneing within burghe, for collecting of the saidis cus-

tomeis, and that vnto the first of October nixt, and frathyne to endure quhill the first day of October nixt thairefter, in the zeir of God jm vc lxxxiiij yeris, and ay and quhill ane bettir and mair substanceous ordour may be tane for the weill of burrowis; and thir foirsaidis customaris and thair comptroller to be specialie aggreit and condescendit on be the provest baillies dene of gild and counsale consolidatlie with the saidis commissioneris of that burgh quhair the samyn salhappin to be placeit; and geve the saidis provest baillies dene of gild and counsale togidder with the saidis commissioneris aggreis nocht vpoun the persoun of the customaris and comptrollaris to be nominat as said is, in that cais and na vtherwayis it salbe lesum to the saidis commissioneris to input in that burgh ane sufficient qualefeit persoun to be customar and his comptrollar as thay sall think maist meit and expedient; and incais the commissioner of Abirdene will na wayis concur assist and pas with the remanent commissioneris for vsing and perfyting of the said ordour, in that cais it salbe lesum to the saidis commissioneris of Edinburgh, Perth, and Dundie, to elect nominat and cheis the commissioner of quhatsumeur vther burch of this realme thay pleis, quha sall beir equal commissioun and charge with the saidis vtheris thre burrowis, as the said commissioner of Abirdene mycht or suld haue done; and the saidis customaris being input be the saidis commissioneris of burrowis appointit to that effect be the aduyse of the saidis magistratis as is abouewrittin, or vtherwayis in maner and forme aboue rehersit, that thair salbe gevin to thame the ordour maner and forme of the collectionis of the saidis customes, conforme to the claus of the tak and assedatioun set to the saidis burrowis, and that to be vniuersalie vsit and exercit, according to thair liberteis and auld preuilegeis, and the saidis customaris to be ansuerabill of thair intromissionis with the saidis customeis as thay salbe requyrit thairto be the collectour, and to mak iust compt rekning and payment of thair intromissionis thairwith at ane tyme in the yeir, as thay salbe appointit be particular dyat to the samyn, and that to the saidis burrowis and generall collectour as said is: As alsua that the saidis four burrowis, at the day of the general assemblie and convention of the burrowis of this realme, sall produce befor thame the compt buikis of the saidis haill customeis, and that the generall collectour appointit for the collection thair of mak iust compt rekning and payment of his intromissioun with the saidis haill customes in presence of the

saidis haill burrowis at the said generall dyat of conventioun. Attour thai ordane the saidis four burrowis to tak ordour with the making of ane generall custome buik, creating of ane clerk thairto, appointing for thair feyis, and generallie anent the premissis all and sundrie vther thingis in thair names, and of the haill burrowis of this realme to do, vse, and exerce, that necesserlie may be thocht be thame expedient and resonabill to the avancement thairof, and promissis for thame selfis and haill remanent burrowis of this realme to hald ferme and stabill all and quhatsumeuir the saidis four commissioneris, or sic as salbe nominat to assist with thame as said is in the premissis, thinkis neidfull to be done vnder all hieast pane and charge thay may occur be the law.

Act anentis the ingathering of the imposit for making of Henry Nesbittis expensis.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis findis and delyueris that the provest and baillies of everie burch and seaport within this realme be charget to haue in rediness, agane the first day of August nixt, the impost granted to be vpliftit of all maner of gudis passing furth of this realme for releiving of the burch of Edinburgh of the sowme of ane thousand pundis advanceit be thame for making of the expensis of Henrie Nesbit thair commissioner in France, quha is procurand the doungetting of the new impost and customeis lait raisit thair.

Missives, Nesbitt, delyuerit to Charteris.

The same day, Henrye Charteris, ane of the commissioneris of the burch of Edinburgh, producit certane missive billis direct frome Henrye Nesbit, togidder with the copy of sum supplicationis gevin in be him to the King of France for doungetting of the new impost raisit thair; quhilkis wrytingis, being redelyuerit to him, thay ordane him to keip the samyn to be furthcumand quhenas it salhappin the burrowis to haue to do thairwith.

Ansuer to Home, skippers, supplication.

The same day, anent the supplicatioun and humle sute of David Hume skipper in Leyth, presentit to the saidis commissioneris be Iohnne Kirkcaldy commissioner for the burch of Kingorne, quhairby, to the furduring of the reductioun of ane decretit obtenit be certane Frenschemen aganis him in Burdeaux, he humblie craveit thay ather wald advance or len to him ane certane sowme of money, as at lenth is contanit in ane supplicatioun gevin in thairanent; Ordanis the commissioneris of Edinburch, Perth, Dondie, and Abirdene, to lament his estait in thair names to the Kingis Maiestie and his Hienes Secreit Counsale, to the effect thay may obtene of his Grace the rycht of the siluer ingadderit for reliefe of certane presoneris in Argeres, quhilck they suppose to be in the handis of the airis

of vmquhile Andro Buck sumtyme burges of Aberdene ; As alsua that the saidis four burrowis in thair names lament to the remanent burrowis of this realme and ministeris, in sic placeis as they sall resort to in thair progres in the placeing of the customeris, the said Daudis pure estait, and quhat sowmes of money beis obtenit and recovreit be the saidis commissioneris, ordanis the samyn at thair discretioun to be employit for the said Daudis releife and support.

The same day, it is concludit that the commissioneris of the burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Lynlithkow, Glesgow, Cowper, Sanctandrois and Kingorne, pas to the Kingis Maiestie for ansuering to his Hienes thre missives concerning the myneis, the conservatour, and the customar of Aberdene; and quhat it salhappin the saidis commissioneris to do thairanent, ather affirmatiue or negative, all the remanent commissioneris of burrowis, in name and behalfe of thair burrowis and burrowis absent, oblisses thame to abyde thairat, and to be participant of all that may follow thairvpoun ather be expenssis chargeis as vther inconveinencis quhatsumeir.

The same day, the commissioneris finding thame selfis gritumlie hurt be the Conservatour in Flanderis be rasing and vplifting of fyfteine sturis of ilk sek of gudis arrayving thairto furth of this realme, in contrar the tennour of the actis and statutis maid of befoir, dischargeis the said Conservatour of ony forder intronissoun in ony tyme cuming or ony forder vplifting of ony dewitie fra the merchandis of this realme arrayving to the saidis pairtis of Flanderis (except the dewiteis following) to wit, sex stureis of ilk sek of the merchandis, and thre stureis of the schip, extending to nyne stureis, alanerlie.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis geves full power and commissioun to the commissioneris appointit to geve ansuer to the Kingis Maiestie anent his Hienes requeist in favouris of Maister William Leslie, that geve the saidis commissioneris can be na meane obtaine delay of his Maiestie, but that his Hienes will haue the samyn set to the said Maister William, that thai in that cais in name of the said burrowis set the saidis customis to the said Maister William vpoun sic reasonabill conditionis and iniunctionis as be thame salbe thoct gude.

The same day, remittis, for reasonabill caussis moving thame, the toun of Kirkcudbrycht of thair vnlaw incurrit be thame for thair non comper-
ance in thair last generall conventioun haldin at Perth, and willis that

Commissioneris appointed to ansuer the Kingis missives.

Conservatour dischargitt of xv sturis, and nyne sturis appointed.

Commission to geve ansuer to Maister William Lesties desyre.

Kirkcudbrychtis vnlaw remittit.

the letteris raisit thairanent be simpliciter suspendit in tyme cuming, and that Iohnne Gutheray clerk send ane tickat to the officeris executaris of the saidis letteris for dischargeing thair of.

Continuatioun
anser, Dun-
bartane, Craill.

Anent the supplicationis of the townes of Dunbartane and Craill for the support craveit be thame to the reparatioun of thair decayit herbores and bulwarkis, contenewis the anser geving thairto to thair nixt conventioun to be haldin at Lynlithcow in Iulij anno etc. lxxxiiij.

Continuatioun,
anser to Kirk-
caldy and Dy-
sartis supplica-
tioun.

The same day, anent the supplicationis gevin in be the touns of Kirkcaldy and Disart, makand mentioun of certane extortionis and new exactionis raisit aganis thame in the pairtis of Ingland vpoun hering, salt, and vtheris gudis, as at lenth is contenit in thair supplicationis gevin in thair-vpoun, The commissioneris present continewis the anser geving thairto vnto thair nixt conventioun to be haldin at Lynlithcow the day aboue-writtin, and ordanis the provest and baillies of the said burch to remember the samyn in thair missives to be sent be thame to the burrowis for keping of the said conventioun.

Glasqu, Irro-
winis, anser
continewit.

The same day, anent the support craveit be the burchis of Glesgow and Irvin for reparing of the Kirk of Glesgow and brig of Irvin, continewis the anser geving thairto to thair nixt conventioun, and ordanis the samyn to be rememberit in thair missives in maner abouewrittin.

Auditouris,
Ros, comptis.

The same day, appointis as of befor the commissioneris of the burchis of Edinburgh, Lynlithcow, and Hadingtoun to convene vpoun the xv day of August nixt in Edinburgh, to heir Iames Ros comptis of the stentis mentionat in the actis maid at Perth thairanent, with the elyk power to thame as they had of befor.

Vplifting vn-
lawis absentt.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis ordanis the burch of Edinburgh to rais letteris at thair instances for vplifting of the vnlawis of the burrowis americiat for thair non comperance at this present conventioun, and that thai geve and dispone, lyk as the saidis commissioneris hes presentlie gevin and disponit, the vnlawis of the burchis of Abirdene and Sanctandros to Iohnn Gutherie and Iohnn Masoun clerkis, quhair of the twa pairt to the said Iohnn Gutherie, and the thrid pairt to the said Iohnn Masoun; and siclyk hes disponit to the toun of Northbervik the vnlaw of the toun of Brechine, thay makand expenssis impetrating thair of, and willis that the said toun of Northbervik vse the said toun of Brechine discretlie be the aduysse of the toun of Dundie.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis desoluis thair conventioun, ^{Desoluing con-} and appointis the nixt generall conventioun to be haldin at the burch of ^{ventioun.} Lynlithcow the xij day of Iulij in the yeir of God j^m v^c lxxxiiij^o, and ordanis the magistratis of the said burch to direct the missiveis concerning the speciall caussis of thair conventioun to the haill burrowis of this realme as efferis.

Decimo nono Iunij 1583.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris foirsaidis at the ernist request of Edinburgh, Henry Charteris etc., remitis to the burgh of Edinburgh thair vnlaw of ^{vnlaw re-} ^{mittitt.} ane hundreth pundis incurrit be thame for the cawses contenit in the actis maid thairanent, provyding they wair and bestow the samyn vpon the reparation of thair College.

Henrie Charteris.
 Michael Gylbertt.
 Dionis Conqueriour.
 I. Andersone.
 Wm. Norwell.
 I. Aytowne.
 Andro Ker.
 Daud Crauffurd.

Thomas Broun for Irwyn.
 Robert Lawder.
 Iohne Melwyll for Craill.
 Ihone Hackat.
 Thomas Lawder, Northberwik.
 Ihone Kyrkcaldy.
 Alexr. Seryngeour.
 Stewin Martyne.

Archibald Hegait for Glasgw.

Daud Gardyn and Herbert Gledstanis with our handis at the pen led be Ihonn Masoun notar.

I. MASOUN.

In the Conventioun of Burrowis haldin at Edinburgh, the ^{Edinburgh.} xij, xiiij, xviij, xv, and dayis of Nouember [1583] Comperit the commissioneris vnder subscriyvand and producitt thair commissionis, pairtlic vnder thair seillis of cawsis, and pairtlic vnder the subscriptionis of the clarkis of the saidis burrowis, as followis, etc.:—

Edinburgh, Henry Charteris, Robert Henrison chirurgian; Perth, Dioneis Conquerour; Dondie, Alexander Scrymgeour; Abirdene, Alexander Scrymgeour be commission; Streveling, William Norowell; Glasqu, James Flemyng; Linlithqu, Andrew Kar; Hadingtoun, Alexander Sym-soun; Crail, Iohn Ramsay.

xiiiij^o Nouembris 1583.

Commissioun to
Perth and Don-
die to mak offer
to the Lord
Seytoun of ijm
markis to ob-
tene the cus-
tomis in France
dischargitt.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris of burrowis foirsaidis being con-
venit for ansuering to the heidis of twa wrytingis sentt be the Kingis
Maiestie to the magistratis of the burgh of Edinburgh, for frauchting of
ane schip pertening to Andrew Lamb, for careing of George Lord Seytoun
to the pairtis of France as Embassadour for the Kingis Maiestie of this
realme, to entreitt vpoun sic thingis with the King of France as ar to be
gevin him in directioun, and in speciall towartis the new customes raisitt
vpoun the merchandice cuming to and fra the samyn, gevis full power and
commissioun to the commissioneris of the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth,
and Dondy, in thair names, and in name of the remanent burrowis of
this realme, to mak offer vnto the said Lord Seytoun of twa thousand
merkis to be gevin to him be the saidis burrowis, quhow sone he obtenis
the saidis customes in France dischargitt, and the samyn delyueritt to
thame in dew and autentik forme.

Commissioun
to Edinburgh
to agrie with
the creditouris
of wyne.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis, vnderstanding thame
selues and the remanentt burrowis of this realme as takismen to the
Kingis Maiesties customes to be addettet in certan sovmes of money
awand to sindry merchantis, quha hes aduancit to Iheromy Bowy som-
lier to his Hienes behuiff certan wynis quhair of they as zitt are nocht
satefeitt, willis and grantis, and als for thame selues and the remanentt
burrowis of this realme gevis thair full power and commissioun to the
magistratis of the burgh of Edinburgh, or thair commissioneris to be
directt, to compone, transactt, and aggre with the creditouris of the
saidis wynis as best and esiest they may to the welfair of the haill
burrowis; promesand for thame selues and the said haill burrowis to
hald ferme and stabill all and quhatsumever thingis the saidis magis-
tratis of the said burgh of Edinburgh or thair commissioneris anent the
premissis thinkis neidful to be done, provyding they extend nocht for

ilk tua of the wynis awand four scoir pundis for this zeris wyne alanerlie, quhill forther ordour be tane.

Apud Edinburgh xv^{to} Nouembris 1583.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis ordanis Iohnn Guthrie their clark to direct missives in name of the burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondie, and Abirdene, as havand full power and commissioun of the haill remanentt burrowis of this realme, to the provest, baillies counsall and customeris of all burghis and sea portis within the same to comper befor thame vpoun the xvth day of December to mak compte rekning and paymentt of thair intromissioun with the Kingis Maiesties customes sen thair entry to the tak and sett thairof; As alsua that sic as hes intromettitt with the impoist raisitt vpoun merchandises passand furth of this realme for making of Henry Nesbetis expenssis to France be aduerteist be the saidis missives to compeir the said day, and mak compte rekning and payment to the saidis four burrowis thairof, and forther to bring with thame the particular sovmes qubairto they ar sett for reimbursing of the burgh of Edinburgh of the sowme af xij^c merkis aduancit be thame to Adame Foullertoun, conforme to sindry actis of burrowis maid thairanent. And

Missives to be
direct to the
burrowis for
thair customes
etc.

The samyn day, Androw Kar and Alexander Symssoun, commissioneris for the burghis of Linlithqu and Hadingtoun, protested incais ony contributioun war maid or extentt raisitt vpoun the burrowis of this realme for the inlaik of the Kingis Maiesties customes and dewties awand to his Hieness thairfoir, qubairvnto they ar takismen, that the samyn war sett and raisitt vpoun the inhabitantis of thair burghis na vtherwayis nor according to thair customes thairof. And Henry Charteris, commissioner for the burgh of Edinburgh, in name of the said burgh and the burrowis of Perth, Dondie, and Abirdene, as souerteis to the Kingis Maiestie for payment of the dewties awand to his Hieness for the sett and tak of the saidis customes, protested in the contrair, and thatt they suld be relievitt of thair souertiship be the haill burrowis conforme to the commissioun

gevin to thame be the saidis haill burrowis and tak of the saidis customes.

Henry Neisbet, baille.

Henrie Charteris.

Dionis Conquerour.

Alex^r Scrymgeour.

James Flemyng.

W^m Norwell.

Andro Ker.

Robert Henryson.

A. Symson.

Linlithgw.

In the Conventioun of Burrowis haldin at Linlithqu the xij, xiiij, xv, xvj, and xvij dayis of Iulij the zeir of God I^m V^c four scoir four zeris, Comperitt the commissioneris of burrowis vnderwritin, pairtie be thair commissionis vnder seillis of cawsis, and vther vnder subscriptionis as followis, etc. :—

Edinburgh, Henry Nesbett, Alexander Oisteane ; Perth, Dioneis Conquerour ; Dondie, Peter Clayhillis, desoluit befor the conuentioun but leve ; Streveling, William Norowell ; Linlithqu, Ihonn Forrest provest, Charles Drummond, Alexander Kaa ; Glasqu, Archibald Hiegaitt ; Air, George Cocheran ; Ruthuglen, Alane Pinkcartoun ; Selkirk, Gawine Wilkyne ; Dumbar, Robert Lawder ; Hadingtoun, Ihonn Aytoun ; Dunfreis, Symon Ihonnstoun ; Craill, William Bowsy ; Kingorn, Androw Broun ; Iedburgh, Ihonn Layng ; Peiblis, Patrik Dikkesoun ; Dumfermling, William Mekilihonn ; Montros, Ihonn Kay ; Innernes, William Cuthbertt provest ; Dysartt, James Hacquett ; Pettinweme, Ihonn Corsaw ; Kirkcaldy, Ihonn Hacquett ; Elgyne, James Douglas ; Northbervik, Thomas Lawder ; Laneark, Robert Levingston, William Mowett ; Innerkething, Thomas Michell ; Wigton, Archibald Tailliefair, Ihonn Edzear ; Renfrow, Henry Fynniesoun.

Apud Linlithqu xiiij^o Iulij 1584.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris of burrowis befor mentionatt, ^{Admissioun,} anentt the continiatioun maid att Air to this presentt conventioun, be ^{Guthre in clark} the commissioneris presentt thairatt, to Iohnn Guthreis supplicatioun, all ^{to the burrowis.} in ane voce hes concluditt nominatt and creatt the said Iohnn Guthre thair commoun clark and kepar of thair generall buke for ane zeir nixtto-cum, with power to the said Iohnn vpoun the reasonabill expenssis of the saidis burrowis, according to ane ordinance maid at thair last conuention at Perth, all and sindry the actis, lawis, and constitutionis mentionatt in the said buke to extract subscriue and geve furth vnder his subscription manuall to sic burrowis or burgh requyring the same; and ordanis the said Iohnn to bring with him to the nixt generall conuention of burrowis, quhairever the samyn salhappin to be, the said generall buke, to be presented and redelyueritt to the saidis burrowis, and, at thair optioun, than to be gevin in custodie to sic clark as salbe than appointed of new. For the quhilk zeris stepend hes appoynted and appoyntis the sovme of ane hundreth pundis gude and vsuall money of this realme, to be tane of the first and rediest of the vnlawis of the burrowis absentt and amerciatt in this thair generall conventioun, and for the mair sure paymentt to him of the samyn, the saidis commissioneris hes gevin and gevis to the said Iohnn thair full power and commissioun, lettres vpoun the saidis burrowis vnlawitt and amerciat as said is to rais, the samyn to dew executioun to putt aganis the refusaris to pay, and generallie thairanentt all and sindry vtheris thingis to do vse and exerce thatt they mycht do thame selues gif they war personalie presentt, *promittendo de rato*, etc., Deducand and allowand alwayis to the said Iohnn the expenssis to be maid be him in the impetratting, obteneing, and executioun of the saidis letteris and ingathering of the saidis vnlawis of the superplus of the samyn restand over his said zeiris stipend, and to be comptabill and ansuerabill of sua mekill as salbe restand thairrof,—his said zeris stipend and expenssis foirsaidis being allowitt at the nixt generall assemblee of burrowis be the commissioneris thairrof than to be assemblitt thairatt. Provyding alwayis thatt the said Iohnn Guthre sall nochtt be astricted vpoun his awin expenssis to keip ony conuention or assemblies of burrowis indur-

ing the said zeir exceptt within Edinburgh, and gif it salhappin him to be employitt in ony vther burgh to keip ony conuentioun, his expenssis induring his remaning thairatt salbe vpoun the charges of the hail burrowis, quhilk they obleis thame to pay aitt euey conuentioun befor the desoluing thairof.

Edinburgh,
xijc. markis,
Foullertoun.

The samyn day, annent the continiatioun of the ansuer to be gevin to the burgh of Edinburgh for rembursing to thame of the xij^c merkis payitt to Adame Fowllertoun, the commissioneris of the burgh of Perth, Glasqu, Air, Montros, Selkirk, Peiblis, Iedburgh, disassented and disassentis fra ony paymentt thairof, nochtwithstanding the consentis of certan thair commissioneris consenting thairto of befor, and thatt becaus at the first directioun of the said Adam and appoynting of the said sovme to him for making of his expenssis in Ingland thair was nocht sax of the principall burrowis thairatt, as they allegitt, nor zit ony of thair commissioneris presentt thair; and Henry Nesbett, commissioner for the said burgh of Edinburgh, protestis thatt the disassenting of the commissioneris foirsaidis be nocht preiudiciall to the consent gevin of befor be the commissioneris of the saidis burrowis for the tyme to the paymentt thairof, as in sindry actis maid thairanent at full length is contenitt.

Lord Seytoun,
ijm. markis.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis ratefeis and appreis the actt maid be the commissioneris of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondie, Abirdene, Striveling, Linlithqu, Glasqu, Hadingtoun, and Craill, at Edinburgh vpoun the xiiij day of Nouember last, anentt paymentt to my Lord Seytoun of twa thowsand markis money incais he repoirtt in autentik forme ane discharge of the King of France and his Secreitt Counsall of certan new exactionis raisitt vpoun merchandise thair; and becaus the burgh of Edinburgh hes aduanceitt and payitt the said sovme, and payis ane zeirlie interes of xij of the hundreth thairfoir, quhairof they and the commissioneris of Perth and Dondy cravis rembursementt and releiff, the commissioneris presentt in respectt they come nocht instructed to give ansuer thairto, continewis the same to thair nixt generall assemblee of burrowis; and the commissioner of Air, insafar as thair was na commissioner for them at the conclusion thairof, disassented heirto, etc.

Protestatioun,
Dondie *contra*
Perth.

The samyn day, Peter Clayhillis commissioner for the burgh of Dondie protested that the resauing of Dioneis Conquerour commissioner for the burgh of Perthis voitt befor him nixt Edinburgh suld na wayis preiuge

the said burgh in thair second place and prioritie in voting befor the said burgh of Perth, nochtwithstanding ony decreitt obtenitt in the contrair, in respect, as the said Peter allegit, that the said burgh of Dondies admissioun be the Kingis Maiestie and his Grace Estaitis in second place in voting in Parliament nixt Edinburgh, and insafar as the said decreitt obtenit be the said burgh of Perth lyis vnder reductioun, quhairupoun he was mynditt, as commissioner for the said burgh of Dondy, to complene to the Kingis Maiestie and Secreitt Counsall heirin ; and William Norowell commissioner of Streveling inlykwayis protested of new for the said second place nixt Edinburgh, in maner as is contenit in ane act and protestatioun maid at Edinburgh the fourt of October 1581.

The samyn day, anent the extraordinar dewtie vplifted be Maister George Hacquett, conseruatour in Flanderis, of the merchantis of this realme resorting thairto, contrair the tennour of the actis laitlie maid thairanentt, quhairof the ane maid at Edinburgh in the last generall conuentioun thair, be the said conseruatouris awin aduyse, bering tuelff sturis to be vplifted be him of euery sek of gudes, quhairof aucht of the merchant and four of the skipper, for ane zeir nixt thairefter alanerlie, as in the said act of the daitt at Edinburgh the fyft of October 1581 zeris at lenth is contenit,—the vther maid at Air in the last conuentioun haldin thairatt, discharging the said Maister George of forther nor nyne stures of the sek alanerlie, quhairof sax of the merchant and thre of the skipper. The saidis commissioneris vnderstanding him contrair the tennour thairof to continew in vplifting of fyvetene stures of ilk sek gudes, to the greitt hurtt and preiudice of all personis resorting to the saidis pairtis of Flanderis, hes dischargitt and dischargis the said conseruatour of new of ony forther vplifting fra thyne furth of ony forther dewtie of ilk sek gudes nor sax stures alanerlie, quhairof four frome the merchant and twa of the skipper, discharging and inhibeting all merchantis and skipper of ony paying to him heirefter forther nor the saidis sax sturis ; and to the effect the said Maister George pretend na ignorance heirop, ordanis Ihonn Guthre thair clark, in thair names, to extract and draw furth this their ordinance, and send the samyn together with ane missive to him with all expeditioun, to certefie him thairby, incais he contravene or contemp this thair said ordinance be vplifting fra thyne furth ony forther nor the saidis sax stures, thatt letteris salbe purchest and

Conservatour
dischargitt of
ony farther nor
sax stures.

execute aganis him with all rigour ; and ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh in thair names, incais of his contraventioun, to raise and execute the samyn, and the expenssis to be maid be thame thairupoun salbe rembursitt vpoun thair compte at thair nixt generall assemblie.

Walkeris answer deferriit to the nixt generall conventioun.

The samyn day, continewis to thair nixtt generall assemblie the ansuer geving to Androw Walker in Deip anentis his recompane cravit for the doungetting of certan impoistis vplifted in France vpon certain merchandise thair.

xv Iulij 1584.

Burrowis, Kilrany.

THE SAMYN DAY, anentt the supplicatioun gevin in be Ihonn Betoun of Balfour, desyring thairby the tovne of Kilrany to be enrollitt amangis the remanentt frie burrowis, and to beir burding with thame according to thair habilitie, Comperitt Robertt Strang and Thomas Clark, commissioneris in his and the said toynes name, and producitt for instructioun of the said supplicatioun ane chartour of the erectioun of the said tovne in ane frie burgh, gevin and maid be Patrik, Archiebischop of Sanctandros, off the daitt the auchtt day of Iulij 1578 zeris, together with the Kingis Maesties confirmatioun past thairvpoun vnder his Hienes Greitt Seill of the daitt the xxiiij of Januar the zeir of God foirsaid, as alsua ane actt of parliamentt vnder the subscriptioun of Alexander Hay, Clerk of Register, of the daitt at Edinburgh the x day of Nouember 1579 zeris, desyring conforme thairto thair said tovne to be enrollit as said is amangis the remanent frie burrowis, and William Mackartney, agentt for the saidis burrowis in thair customes, protested contrair thatt pairtt of the chartour producitt, in speciall concerning the dispositioun of the customes of the said tovne of Kilrany to Ihonn Betoun of Balfour be the said Bischop, alleging the samyn auchtt nocht be resaut nor admittitt, nather the said tovne enrollit, as said is, becaus thair is decreitt past at the instance of the burrowis takismen to the Kingis Maestie of his Hienes customes befor the Lordis of Chakker aganis the said Bischop anentis the saidis customes in speciall, and sua thai appreving the said chartour, confirmatioun, and act of parliamentt, the samyn mycht preiuge thame in thair tak and sett quhilk they have of the saidis customes ; and siclyke Williame Bowsy,

Agent and Craillis protestatioun.

commissioner for the burgh of Craill, protested that befor ony enrolling of the said toвне among the remanent frie burrowis they mycht have inspectioun of thair rychtis, and ane competent day assignit to him to oppone aganis the samyn, insafar as he allegit the said toвне was within the boundis of thair iurisdiction and libertie. In respect of the quhilkis protestationis, and thatt thatt claus contenit in the said chartour concerning the customes and coquett is preiudiciall to [the] Kingis Maestie, and the burrowis, his Hienes takismen, the saidis commissioneris refusis the enrolling of thame in the number of burrowis, or admissioun of thair titillis, exceptt the said chartour be reformitt in that pairtt concerning the customes and coquettar; and the saidis commissioneris of Kiltrany allegit thatt the said agentt in name of the burrowis, nor zitt the said commissioner or Craill, aucht nocht be hard to oppone or protest contrair thair titillis productit, and the desyir of the said supplication, insafar as the burrowis as ane of the thrie estaitis hes consentitt thairto in parliamentt; and the said agentt in the contrair, in respect of the saidis burrowis tak of the saidis customes and of the said decreitt past aganis the said Bischop sen the said act of parliament; and the saidis commissioneris of Kiltrany tuke thair saidis peces and past away thairwith.

The samyn day, anent the desyir of Ihonn Anstruther induellar thairin, commissioner for the toвне of Anstruther, of enrolling of the same in the number of frie burghis, the commissioneris presentt, in respect of the allegiance maid be William Bowsy, commissioner for the burgh of Craill, alleging the liberties contenit in the said toвне of Anstrutheris chartour to be gevin and doted of auld to thame, as be thair evidentis sall cleirly appeir, quhen as it sall pleis the saidis burrowis to sicht the samyn, and thairfoir desyritt continiatioun mycht be of the enrolling of the said toвне in ane frie burgh to the nixt generall assemblie of burrowis, insafar as he com nocht instructed to oppone aganis the said toвне and thair rychtis, and nather wist nor was wairnit thairto, Continewis the ansuer geving thairto vnto thair said nixt generall conuentioun of burrowis, and ordanis the said burgh of Craill than to send thair commissioner fullie instructed to this effectt, with certificatioun to thame and they failzie, they will proceed heirin as accordis with resoun.

The samyn day, anentt the supplicatioun gevin befor thame be the commissioner of the burgh of Dysartt, craving thair assistance in thair

Protestatioun,
Craill *contra*
Anstruther,
continewitt.

Dysartt.

seeking to be redrest of the oppressionis done to the magistratis and officeris of the said towne in the executioun of thair offices be certan gentilmen of the cuntrie, Fyndis gude the magistratis of the said burgh of Dysartt sall intentt actioun aganis the saidis oppressouris befor the iugis competentt, and to repoirrt the rolmentt of courtt to the conuentioun befor the nixt parliament, quhen as they promis to the said burgh thair mutuall concurrance and assistance in seing ordour putt thairto as accordis with iustice.

Dispensatioun,
Innernes rate-
feitt the actis.

The samyn day, anent the desyir of the commissioner of Innernes craving generall exemptioun from conuentionis of burrowis in respect of thair pouertie, except at the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, or Dondy, quhen as the conuentionis sallhappin thair to intervene, exeming alwayis thair said burgh from the nixt generall conuentioun in Edinburgh, in cais the samyn be appoynted to be haldin thairatt; the commissioneris presentt grantis thair desyir, provyding alwayis they keip conuentionis be north Perth and Dondy, they alwayis being astricted to send with the ewest burgh vndispensit with thair missiue autentiklie subscryuit to appreve all and quhatsumever thingis salbe entreittit at the conuentionis foirsaidis, induring the space of thrie zeiris alanerlie, protesting the calling of the town of Thayne as enrollit in ane frie burgh preiuge nocht thair liberties, conforme to thair protestationis in syndry conuentionis maid of befor.

Creatio, Cuth-
bert. customer
Innernes.

ITEM, the commissioneris presentlie assemblitt, vniversally, in ane voce but discrepance, appoyntis William Cuthbert, commissioner for the burgh of Innernes, thair customer to the Kingis Maiesties customes fra eist Coulsioychell, Walter of Dornoch, Dinguall, Beawling, and the watter and burgh of Innernes, as alsua of all vther his Hienes customes of all maner gudes and geir betuix Caithnes and Moray (the Ylis and Lochis exceptit), his entry thairto to be and begyn at the day and daitt heiroyf, fra thyne to indure to the first of October 1585 zeiris, quha, accepting vpon him the said office of customary, gaif his ayth for dew administratioun thairof, and obleist him conforme to the ordour prescryuit to the remanent customaris to mak dew compte rekning and payment of his intromissioun, as he salbe requyritt be the four burrowis souerties for the payment to the Kingis Maiestie of his Hienes customes, *cum potestate substituend etc.* And this Act to be extend in sic ample forme, extracted and delyucrit to the said

customer, as to the weillfair of the burrowis salbe neidfull, *promittendo de rato, etc.*

The samyn day, etc, Symon Ihonston commissioner for the burgh of Dunfreis maid offer to the saidis commissioneris of the thrid penny mair for the customes of the said burgh nor presentlie is payitt be Iames Geddes customer thairrof, Quhilkis commissioneris, respecting his gude and profit-abill offer, ordanis the said Iames, present customer, to be chargitt to compeir in Edinburgh vpon the xvijj day of October nixtt, thair to mak his compte to the burrowis to be appoynted to the hering and allowing thairrof, discharging him of ony forther vsing or exercing of the said office from the said first of October nixtt, and that at the said day of his comptis he delyuer to the additouris of the samyn the half seill or stamp being in his possession, and that the said magistratis of the said burgh of Dunfreis than present in Edinburgh [name] ane sufficient customer and comptroller, for quhome they salbe ansuerabill for the dew executioun of thair offices to the burrowis foirsaidis the said aughtene of October nixtt, quhairvnto the said Symon consented etc.

The samyn day, the commissioneris of burrowis, respecting the poverty of Rutherglen, dispensis for thrie zeris heirefter with thair keping of generall conventionis of burrowis, provyding they send with the cwest burgh to the saidis conventionis thair missive appreving all thingis in the menetye salhappin to intervene, etc.

The samyn day, dew consideratioun being had of the laitt act of parliament publeschitt at the mercatt croce of Edinburgh and vther places neidfull, anent the pakking and peilling of herring, quhyte fische, and vther fische mentionat thairintill, slayne be the inhabitantis of ather sydis of the watter of Forth, vpon the occasion of complayntt gevin in thairanentt be dyueris burrowis of the coist sydes, Fyndis the said actt gude in all poyntis, except that pairtt thairrof being ane special chaarge thatt all fisches and herring and vther fisches thairin contenit to be brocht to the pointis of Leith or Craill, thair to be graithitt and handlitt in maner as is mentionatt in the said act; for reforming of the quhilk pairtt of the said act, all in ane [voce] consentis ane generall supplication be gevin in all thair names desyring reformatioun of that pairtt of the said act, becaus they vnderstand preiudice to dyueris vtheris frie burrowis to ensew thairvpon, and that it may be lesum to bring the saidis merchandise to all and

Offer for the
customes of
Dunfreis be the
commissioner
thairrof.

Rutherglen dis-
pensitt with
for thrie zeris.

Laitt act parlia-
ment anent
pakking peil-
ling and idg-
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with provis-
ioun.

quhatsumever frie portis within this realme, thair alwayis they obeying and obtempering all the remanent poyntis of the said act ; provyding alwayis euerilk burgh vpon the coist sydis fynd dew caution to the burgh of Edinburgh for pakking and peilling of sufficientt herring and vther fisches foirsaidis, and for fulfilling of all vther heidis contenit in the said act and lettres raisitt thairupon, vnder the paynis thairin contenitt ; as alsua thatt, in the supplicatioun to be presented and gevin in to the nixtt parliamentt, it salbe cravitt thatt the burrowis of Glasqu, Air, Irrowyne, and vther burrowis be west Clyde, be nocht subiect to that partt of the act concerning the taking or vsing of the iedge from Edinburgh, in respect of the laik of tymmer amangis thame, they alwayis submittand thame to all the remanent poyntis of the said act as is aboue expremitt.

Dispensatioun,
Elgyne.

The samyn day, dispensis with the burgh of Elgyne in maner as is dispensit with Innernes.

Vnlawing bur-
rowis absentt.

The samyn day, the commissioneris of burrowis foirsaidis fyndis the burrowis of Abirdene, Sanctandrois, Cowper, Rothesay, Dumbartan, Irrowyne, Kirkeudbrycht, Lawder, Forfar, Forres, and Breichan to have incurrit, be thair noncomperance to this present convention, being lawfully citatt thairto be the thesaurer of the burgh of Linlithqu as wes sufficientle verefeitt be him, euery ane of thame the payne and vnlaw of twenty li. ; as alsua Dondy, for thair dissolving fra this day without licence, in vther twenty li., and the toun of Haddington in thretty li., viz. in ten li. for passing away at Ayr and nocht subscriuing of the actis maid thairatt, and twenty li. for thair dissolving fra this conuention but licence, and nocht remaning vnto the subscription of the actis and desolving of the saidis burrowis, provyding incais hecum bak and subscribe to the clark as zitt he salbe dispensitt with ten li. thairof ; and fyndis, and but reuocatioun concludis, thatt nane of the saidis burrowis be ather dispensitt, diminischitt or superseditt with the saidis vnlawis, bot thatt Ihonn Guthre vplift the the samyn but favouris, as he will ansuer to thame vpon his seruice, conforme to his commission gevin to him thairanentt.

Decimo sexto Iulij 1584.

Gourlay collec-
touris playntt
customeris.

THE QUHILK DAY, vpon the complayntt of Robert Gourlay, general collector of the customes, mening that contrair the burrowis ordinance the

customeris of euery burgh makis nocht paymentt to him of the Kingis customes, quhairof the saidis burrowis ar fermoraris, att sic tymes as is prescryuit in the act and ordinance maid at Air in Junij last thairanentt, upon his lawfull requisitiōn thairof, quhairthrow they are putt to greitt chargis in suting the same, Thairfoir for better ordour to be obseruitt in tyme cuming, and for mair reddy and thankfull paymentt heirefter, it is concluditt and statute, that quhatsumever customer beis wairnit be the said generall collectouris wryting to cum in, and ather bring or send his customes, or at the leist sa mekill thairof as he salhappin to have customed, att four seuerall tymes in the zeir, refusing sua to do, shall incur the danger of all the expenssis and chargis maid be the said generall collectour in craving thairof, and refond the samyn to him butt excuse, quhilk is the vnlaw of ten li, vsitt of befoir to be vplifted of the nocht payaris at the saidis four seuerall tymes befoir the Lordis of Chakker, provyding alwayis compte and compleitt payment be maid anys in the zeir.

The samyn day, the commissioneris fairsaidis ratefeis and appreis the commission gevin be the four burrowis to William Mackartnay, agentt for thame in thair commoun effaires, specialie in the customes, and continewis him agentt for ane zeir nixtt followand October nixtt, vpoun the lyke conditionis mentionat in his said commission, provyding alwayis he be diligent in the execution of his office and trubill na frie burgh nor customaris thairof in the executioun of thair effaires concerning the customing of sic gudis as they aucht and suld resave custome of in thair boundis.

Ratificatioun
Mackartnay
agent and con-
tinewitt
thairin.

The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris nominatis and of new electis Robert Lawder commissioner and customer of Dumbar, within the boundis thairof and to Bervik, customer for the space of ane zeir nixt followand October nixtt, quhilk he promiseist faythfullie to do, etc.

Lawder cus-
tomer, Dunbar.

The samyn day, compte being maid be Helene Mackgill of hir intro- mission with the customes of Linlithqu sen the first of October 1582 to the daitt of thir presentis, the samyn is found to extend to sax li. sax schillingis aucht penneis vnpayitt as zitt, and fra thyne furth dischargis hir.

Makgill, comp-
tis, customes.

The samyn day, exemis the burgh of Northbervik fra keping of con- uentionis for thre zeris nixtt heirefter in quhatsumever burgh owtwith

Northbervik,
dispensatioun.

Lowthiane, obseruing the provisionn specialy contenitt in the remanentt burrowis now dispensitt with.

Dumfermling,
Edinburgh
extentt pirat
schips.

The samyn day, anent that pairt of the supplicatioun of Dumfermling concerning the charge of horning gevin to thair burgh for paymentt of ane taxatioun appoynted to the furthsetting of ane schip and bark aganis the Inglis pyratis, willing they suld be dischairgit thair of insafar as the samyn tuke na effect, the commissioneris of Edinburgh promittis they salbe dischargitt of samekill of thatt extentt for outreking of the saidis schip, and of all executioun of lettres raisitt aganis thame thairanentt.

Decimo septimo Iulij 1584.

Sellar electid
customar Lin-
lithqu, Kar
comptrollar,
and Thownis
coquettar.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris of the burrowis presentt hes, be the aduyse of the provest baillies and counsall of Linlithqu, nominatt and constitute Patrik Sellar burges of the said burgh, customer of all the Kingis customes within the boundis pertening to the said burgh of Linlithqu, viz. betuix the watteris of Almond and Avyne on the syde of Forth, fra the day and datt heirof to the first of October 1585 zeris alanerly; and becaus Helene Makgill, kepar of the custome seill of befor, refusit to delyuer the same, thairfoir ordanis William Macartney thair agentt to sie ane half seill new maid of perfyte tyn, bering this presentt zeir of God, according to the quantitie of the coquett seil instantly delyuerit be Nicol Thownis to the said agent, and with impressioun of the Kingis Maiesties armes and superscriptioun vsitt in sic seillis; and being maid, the custome seill to be gevin to the said customer, and the coquett seill to the said Nicoll; and appoyntis Androw Kar comptroller to the said customer, and that na maner of gudes be customed out-with his or his deutes presences, quha gaif thair aythis *de fidei administratione*, according and in maner as the remanent customeris ar elected.

Commissioun
to certan bur-
rowis to heir
customeris
comptis, etc.

The samyn day, the commissioneris of the burrowis fairsaidis fyndis, and for aduancing of thair liberties, concludis, thatt the burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondie, Abirdene, Striveling, Linlithqu, Hadingtoun, or the maist pairtt of thame convene att Edinburgh the xvij day of October nixttocum, thair to resave and allow the comptes of all the customeris of this realme, quha ar ordanit be this presentt actt to convene the said day,

vpoun the aduerteisment of the said burgh of Edinburgh, vnder the penalty of the act maid at this presentt convention thairanent, with power to the saidis burrowis to consider be the comptes of the Collectour Generall of the saidis customes for this instant zeir 1584 quhairin the burrowis ar deterioratt or aduancitt thairby, and of the restis of the zeir preceding, alsweill of the saidis customes as of the taxation of thre thousand li, and to place and displace customeris for the zeir to cum alan-erlie, conforme to the tennour of the act maid thairanent at the last generall convention att Air: Forther, vpoun the inlaik of the saidis customes, taxationis vpoun the saidis burrowis to sett, lettres of horning to rais and cawse execute vpoun the burrowis refusand to pay within ten dayis nixtt efter thai be chargitt the particular sovmes they salbe sett and extented to; and gif ony frie burrowis plesis with the burrowis presentlie nominatt the day and place to the effect fairsaid to convene, bringand with thame sufficient commissioun, they to have the lyke place to heir, voitt, and conclude as the saidis burrowis appoynted as said is; and ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to mak dew aduerteismentt to the saidis burrowis to keip the said day and place, ilk burgh vnder the payne of twenty li. vnforgevin.

The samyn day, comperitt Peter Clayhillis commissioner for the burgh Doudy, Perth. of Dondie, and producit the Kingis Maiesties letter, charging thairby the saidis commissioneris to rank and crave his voitt befor the commissioner of Perth nixtt the burgh of Edinburgh, nochtwithstanding ony decreitt impetratt or obtenit in the contrair, as the said letter of the daitt at Falkland the tentt of this instant subscryuit be his Hienes, the Lordis of Dovin and of Pettinweme, proportis, and cravit obedience thairof; and Dioneis Conquerour commissioner of Perth producitt ane decreitt obtenit be the said burgh in thair favouris of prioritie of place and voting befor the said burgh of Dondy, nixtt Edinburgh, pronuncit and gevin be the commissioneris of burrowis vpon the day of Iunij 1582 zeris, alleging the said writing producit be the said Peter to be contrair to the narrative of his said decreitt, and in respect thairof, as alsua of ane decreit of befor pronuncitt in fauouris of the said burgh of Perth, in Edinburgh, be the saidis burrowis, decerning thame the prioritie and nixt voitt to Edinburgh as said is ay and quhill ordour had been tane thairintill, and siclyke be reson of thair possessioun thairof past memory of man thatt

they aucht nocht be displacitt befor the reductioun of the saidis decreitis, and that the said letter, as prevelie purchest be the said Peter, suld haif na place, and he amerciatt for purchessing lordschip contrair the lovabill actis and constitutionis of burrowis maid thairanentt, as alsua thatt the said Peter suld nocht be hard, becaus be past away but licence befor the desoluing of this conuention and was vnlawit thairfoir as the actis proportis; nochtwithstanding the quhilkis allegeances the said Peter cravitt ansuer of the said writing, quhairvnto Ihoun Forrest provest of the said burgh of Linlithqu, moderatour to the said conventioun, in name and att command of the saidis commissioneris, efter thair voittis and dew resolution had, ansueritt thatt all substantiall materis war concluditt and votitt vpon befor the said Peteris production of the said wryting, quhairby na occasion of placing or voting was offeritt, thairfoir continewitt the ansuering thairto vnto the nixtt parliamentt, quhen as the haill burrowis suld, be aduyse of the Kingis Maiestie and his Hienes Estaitis, geve ansuer thairto. And the said Peter disallowitt all thingis instantly concludit on at this present conventioun, protesting na thing done thairatt preiuge the said burgh of Dondy, other in thair priorite of place granted to thame in the last parliament, or vtherwayis; and the said commissioner of Perth anserand to the said decreitt and allegeances maid thairupoun in the contrair, etc.

Norwell, protestatioun.

The quhilk day, William Norowell commissioner for the burgh of Streveling protested as of befor thatt thai be nocht preuigitt in thair second place nixtt Edinburgh, nochtwithstanding the protestationis fairsaidis, and Linlithqu in the thrid, and Laneark in the fourtt, etc.

Suspensioun
Conservatouris
actt.

The commissioneris fairsaidis suspendis all executioun of the act maid at this conventioun concerning the Conservatour, and the vplifting of saxstures alanerlie, as in the samyn att lenth is contenit, to the parliamentt nixt, for dew and resonabill considerationis moving thame thairto, etc.

Charge, customer,
Dumfreis.

The samyn day, ordanis the commissioneris appoynted to the hering of the custome comptes in October nixtt to charge the customer of Dumfreis to be in Edinburgh vpon the xvij day thairof, to mak his comptes thairof, and thatt he bring than with his custome stamp or seill, and to be dischargitt of his office from the first day of the said October, and that the provest baillies and counsall at the said xvij day presentt, present to the saidis burrowis twa sufficient and qualefeitt personis to be

customer and comptroller fra the said first day of October nixt vnto the first day of October nixt thairefter, conforme to the ordour.

The samyn day, dispensis with the burgh of Wigtoun for the space of twa zeiris nixt frome keping of assemblies, they sending with the burgh nixt adiacent thairto thair autentik missive appreving all thingis to be concludit on be the remanentt burrowis convenand in the menetyne, and thatt vnder the pain of xxli. sa oft as they failze.

Dispensatioun
Wigtoun.

It is alsua statute and ordainit that gif it salhappin ony tovne to be erected in ane frie burgh within the boundis, limitis, and libertie of ane vther frie burgh, the haill burrowis sall interpone thair poweris in contrair thair of.

Statute vnfrie
burghs.

The samyn day, ordanis Ihonn Guthre, collectour of the vnlawis, to delyuer to Androw Kar and Nicoll Thovnis, clarkis of Linlithqu, ane vnlaw of twenty li. for thair paynis and travellis tane in this thair conventioun, and the samyn salbe allowit in his comptes.

Ane vnlaw to
the clarkis of
Linlithqu.

The quhilk day, the commissioun of burrowis, vpoun the complainntis gevin in befor thame be the burrowis efter following, ordanis the samyn to be rememberett and gevin in in articlis to the nixtt parliamentt, viz., anentis supportt cravitt for reparing of the dekyitt harberres and briggis of Craill, Renfrow, Kirkcaldy, Peiblis; and siclyke, it may be impetratt thesaid nixtt parliamentt that na frie barroun, in na pairtt outwith ane frie burgh, have within ane barrony ony ma nor ane of euery craft, according to the auld lawis of the realme past thairupoun, and that a commission of iusticiary may be gevin to the magistratis of the heid burgh of ilk schyre to call and convene the contravenars thair of, and anentt remeid to be cravitt of the new exactionis raisitt in Ingland vpon Scotis merchantis resorting thair, as alsua the supplicatioun of Daid Home, and ane articule aganis Kirkcudbrycht and Quhithorn, for ressait of piratis, and anent ane merkatt of quheitt, beir, aitis and vther wictuall to be cravitt to be in Linlithqu as the heid burgh of the schire, and anentis Orknay and Schyteland, for the wrangis done thair.

Certain bur-
rowis com-
planitis con-
tinewitt to the
parliamentt.

The samyn day, the commissioneris fairsaidis desoluis this thair conventioun, and appoyntis the nixt generall assemblee to be haldin at Hadingtoun the alevint day of Julij nixt in anno 1585, and ordanis the said burgh to remember the haill burrowis be making of thame dew aduertismentt be thair missives, to keep the said conuentioun vnder the paynis contenit in thair actis.

Desoluing con-
ventioun.

Henry Nisbett for Edinburgh.
Alex^r Oisteane be Ihoun

Guthrie Clark. I. Guthre.

Dionis Conquerour.

George Cochrane.

Archibald Tilzefer.

Patrik Dykson.

Robert Lauder for Dumber.

Gawin Wilkin for Selkerk.

Iohne Layng commissioner for
Jedburgh.

James Hackat for Dysert.

Thomas Mychell for Innerkethin.

Alexander Kaa, William Meiklihonn for Dumfermling, Henry Fynnesoun for Renfrow, Symon Ihounstoun for Dunfreis, with our handis at the pen led be the notaris vnderwrittin at oure commandis because we can nocht wryte ourselues, etc.

Ita est Ioannes Guthre notarius de mandatis dictorum personarum scribere nescientes ut asseruerunt teste meis signo et subscriptione manualibus.

I. GUTHRE.

Ita est Andreas Ker co-notarius testis in premissis subscripsi et signam.

A. KER.

Thomas Lauder.

W^m Norwell.

Iohne Forrest.

Archibald Hegait.

William Bowsy.

James Douglas.

Iohne Corsaw commissioner for

Pettinwem.

Robertt Livingstoun for Lanerke.

Iohne Kay for Montros.

A. Broun for Kingorne.

Ihone Hackat for Kyrkcaldy.

Conventioun of the Burrowis of this realme, haldin at Hadingtoun vpoun the xij and xiiij dayis of Iulij 1585, be the Commissioneris efter following, quha producit thair commissionis, pairtlie vnder the subscriptionis of thair commoun clarkis of thair burghis, and vther pairtt vnder thair seillis as followis, etc. :

Hadingtoun.

Edinburgh, Henry Nesbett baillie, George Hereott goldsmyth, counsal-

lour ; Linlithqu, Androw Kar, clark ; Hadingtoun, Ihoun Wilsoun, Alexander Symson, clark ; Irrowing, Thomas Harvy, baillie ; Craill, David Meldrum, baillie, William Bowsy ; Dumbar, Ihoun Kelly zongar, Ihoun Acheson ; Lawder, Alexander Home ; Northbervik, Thomas Lawder.

Apud Hadingtoun xiiij^o Iulij 1585.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris of burrowis abouewritten being convenit for resoning thair commoun effaires, Fyndis the burrowis of Stirveling, Laneark, Dondy, Perth, Ruthuglen, Air, Dumbartan, Wigtoun, Dunfreis, Kirkcudbrycht, Qubithorn, Renfrow, Cowper, Sanctandrois, Pettinweme, Kingorn, Kirkcaldy, Dysart, Innerkething, Dumfermling, Peiblis, Iedburgh, Elgyne, Innernes, Abirdene, Forres, Glasqu, Selkirk, Forfar, Breichan, and Montros, euery ane of thame to have incurritt the payne and vnlaw of twenty li. for thair non comperance to this present conventioun, being lawfully citat thairto be Alexander Symson clark of the said burgh of Hadingtoun and vtheris mentionat in the diligence productit, and verefeit befor thame this day thairupon ; to the collectioun and ingathering quhairof, as alsua of the vnlawis of the absentis from the last generall conventioun at Linlithqu, as of befor appoyntis Ihonn Guthre thair clark collectour, and be the aduyse of William Makcartney and Androw Mekill, quhome they ordane to caus rais lettres of horning, and, conforme to the said act maid at the said burgh of Linlithqu in all poyntis, to cawse execute the samyn but favouris ; off the reddiest and first quhairof they ordane the said Ihonn to satefie him selff of his zeiris fie of ane hundreth pundis, and to delyuer to the saidis William Makcartney and Androw Mekill euery ane of thame twenty li. for thair paynis and travellis tane in ingathering of the saidis vnlawis, vpoun prouisioun alwayis thatt they produce befor the commissioneris of burrowis to be conuenit at thair nixt generall conuentioun, quhaireuer it salhappin the samyn to be haldin, sufficient diligence [of the] ingathering thairrof, and the expenssis necessar[ie to be de]bursit be thame thairfoir to be allowit and dedu[cit to the] saidis Iohnn Guthre, William Makcartney, and Androw Mekill, quha bindis and obliassis thame to mak iust compte rekning and payment to the saidis burrowis at thair said said nixt gene-

rall conuention of the superplus of the saidis vnlawis, deducand and allowand to thame as said is.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis, in respect of thair small number presentlie conuenit, quhairby they can nocht gudeliie determine, resoun, or conclude vpon sic materis as thair conuention was appoynted for, and vtheris concerning the estait and weifair of burrowis, desoluis this thair conuention, and in respect of dyueris occasionis craving haistie resolutioun and gretumlie tending to the furtherance of thair estait, appoyntis thair nixt conuention to be haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh, provyding God of his mercy remove this present plaig of pest from thame, and incais vtherwayis, at Striveling vpoun the first of Nouember nixtt, and that the magistratis of the said burgh of Edinburgh direct thair mis-sives to the saidis burrowis to thatt effect as they will ansuer vpoun thair diligence, and as they tender the weifair of the said estait of burrowis.

Henry Nisbett baille.

Dauid Meldrum.

Geoirge Heireot.

William Bowsy.

Andro Ker for Linlithqu.

Thomas Harvy commissioner for
Irrowing and Alexander Home
commissioner for Lawder with
oure handis subscriyuit be Iohnn
Guthre clark. I. Guthre.

Iohne Kelly.

Iohne Willson.

Thomas Lauder.

A. Symsons.

*Conuention of Burrowis haldin at Linlithqu in the Parlia-
ment to be haldin thairatt the first, second, thrid, fourt,
and dayis of December 1585, quhairto convenitt
the Commissioneris of Burrowis efter following, etc.:—*

Linlithqu.

Edinburgh, Nicoll Vdwartt, dene of gild, Michael Gilbertt, goldsmyth,
counsallour, Maister Alexander Guthre, principall clark; Perth, James Drum-
mond; Dondie, William Rollok, Alexander Wedderburn; Strevelling, Anthoyne
Bruce, Ihonn Muschett; Abirdene, Alexander Rutherfurde; Dunfreis,

Alexander Maxwell of Newlaw, provest, Maister Homer Maxwell, and Harbert Ranyng, twa of the baillies thair of, James Rig, thair conburgess; Hadingtoun, James Cokburn, William Broun, thesaurer; Craill, Iohn Douglas, William Bowsy; Montros, Iohn Wilsoun; Pettinweme, Iohn Corsaw; Lawder, Charles Murray; Innerkething, William Blaikburn, Mathow Greg, baillies; Linlithqu, Iohn Forrest, provest, Androw Kar, etc.

Primo Decembris 1585.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris of burrowis abouewrittin being convenit etc. Comperit Alexander Wilkeson and William Broun induellaris in Emouth, quha for thame selues and in name of the haille inhabitantis of the said tovne, producitt ane decreitt obtenit be thame and the remanent personis mentionat thairintill aganis Alexander Home of Manders-toun vplifting for the time ane vnresonabill vnaccustomed and extraordinar dewtie vpoun the wictuall and vtheris wairis transportitt fra the said tovne and portt and hawin thair of, as the samyn decreitt, of the daitt at Halyrudehous the xvij day of Merche 1581 zeris, vnder the subscriptioun of Iohn Androw clark to the Secreitt Counsall proportis, craving thairby the concurrance and mutuall assistance of the saidis commissioneris to have ane certan pretenditt gift of the saidis dewties granted to the Laird of Restalrig in September last annullit and destroyitt, in respect of thair said decreitt, as alsua thatt the vplifting of the saidis dewties grantit to the said Laird of Restalrig is nocht onlie heirschip to thame, bott alsua ane preparative to extortioun all oure Souverane Lordis liegis transporting wictuallis and vtheris wairis fra the said portt and hawin of Emouth, Quhairvnto the saidis commissioneris, willing, according to the saidis complenaris desyris, remeid suld be found out, hes concludit the saidis complenaris sall mene be supplicatioun to the Lordis of Parliament heirot, and they for thair pairtis sall fortefie and assist thame safar as accordis of ressoun, but preiudice of thair friedomes and liberties.

The samyn day, it being cum to the knowlege of the saidis commissioneris thatt certan the inhabitantis of the vnfrie tovne of Bruntiland, sic as David Clark, Iohn Claiphan, Hary Loche, David Dury, and
 , inhabitantis of the samyn, war of mynde in this present

parliament to have thair said tovne, vpoun ane pretenditt gift obtenit be thame of laitt, erectitt in ane frie burgh, quhilk will be very preiudiciall to the haille frie burrowis of this realme, and in speciall to the burghis and tovnis of Innerkething, Dumfermeling, Kirkcaldy, within quhais boundis and iurisdictionis the said tovne of Bruntiland is, Ordanis the commissioneris of the burgh of Edinburgh, with all diligence possibill, to direct to the said burgh of Innerkething ane missive to be subscriyvit be Iohnn Guthrie thair clark in thair names, desyryng thairby the said burgh to send thair commissioneris fullie instructed to this present convention and parliament, and thair evidentis and vther rychtis to be brocht with thame, for impeding of the said tovne of Bruntilandis pretenditt erectioun in ane frie burgh; to the ansuer of the quhilk missive they continew forther resoning heirintill, etc.

Secundo Decembris 1585.

Streveling,
burrowis.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris fairsaidis anentt the supplicatioun gevin in befor thame be the commissioneris of the burgh of Striveling, craving assistance, and that on thair supplicatioun to the Kingis Maiestie and thre Estaittis of this presentt parliament the greitt wrak and slauchter the samyn hes in tymes bypast sustenitt mychtt be lamentitt, and thairunto help and supportt cravitt, thatt they mychtt in a pairtt be recompansitt of thair said hurtt, ar content to assist for thair pairtis herintill, provyding, incais vpoun the propositioun heirof ony taxatioun for supportt of the said burgh be granted be the Kingis Maiestie and his Hienes Estaitis, the burrowis be nawayis burdenit for thair pairttis thairof, bot frielie exemitt thairfra, and for thair better assurance thatt the saidis commissioneris of Striveling, proponaris heirof, sall immediatlie efter the grant to the saidis taxatioun geve to the saidis burrowis ane sufficient discharge of thair pairttis thairof, and warrandice of thame thairfra, sua thatt they be thair granting thairto sall nocht be asstricted to pay thair saidis pairtis of the samyn, and for thair releif incais ony forther inconvenient follow thairvpoun.

Tertio Decembris 1585.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris of burrowis being convenit for resoning vpoun thair commoun effaires, Comperitt William Blaikburn and Mathow Greg commissioneris for the burgh of Innerkething, and producitt ane charter maid to thair predecessouris in the nyntt zeir of King Robertt, quhairby they war infest in all the boundis libertie and iurisdiction within the boundis frome Dovane to Levinsmouth, with als ample privilege as ony frie burgh hes or ar infest within the boundis of the iurisdictionis of thair frie burrowis, and siclyke producitt ane decreitt of oure Souerane Lordis Sessioun vnder the quarter seill aganis the burgh of Dysartt vplifting customes within the boundis fairsaidis, and thairfoir desyritt the saidis burrowis concurrance and assistance in thair defence aganis the vnfrie toвне of Bruntiland, of lang vsurping thair privilegis, and now of mynde to have in this presentt parliament thair said toвне erected in ane frie burgh, to the greitt preiudice and vter wrak of the said burgh of Innerkething, except remeid war found, quhilkis charter and decreitt being oppinlie red befoir thame, and thairby respecting the said burgh of Innerkethingis richtt to obiect aganis the said toвне in the admissioun thair of in ane frie burgh, As alsua it being menitt to the saidis burrowis be Ihonn Douglas commissioner for Craill, thatt thair was ane pretendit gift impetratt be the Laird of Anstruther and inhabitantis of the vnfrie toვნis of Anstruther and Kilrany, to haif the saidis toვნis in this present parliament erectitt in frie burrowis, nochtwithstanding the samyn ar subiect to the iurisdiction of the said burgh of Craill, and is within the boundis of the samyn, and that be the saidis vnfrie toვნis admissioun greitt preiudice is to follow to the said burgh of Craill, except remeid war found and cravitt presently be the haill burrowis: Fyndis and concludis that generall approbatioun of the haill liberties of burrowis in this presentt parliament be had and obtenit, and ane act of parliament maid thairupoun, with this additioun, thatt all previe wrytingis and giftis purchest heirtfoir in preiudice of the saidis burrowis salbe maid null and of na effect, and heirefter nane sic to be granted to ony maner ourlord or vtheris personis quhatsumever outwith parliament, and special consent of the thre Estaitis had [and] obtenit

Innerkething,
Craill contra
Bruntiland.
Kilrany, An-
struther.

thairunto, and the burrowis aduerteist thairof, to the effect they may be hard to obiet aganis ony sic to be purchest, according to the ancient lawis of this realme, thair richtis and actis of parliament, maid anent the apreving of thair privilegis, as ane of the thre Estaitis of this realme.

Dunfreis, cus-
tomes.

The same day etc., anent the article and petitioun proponit be the saidis commissioneris of Dunfreis, thairby makand mentioun thatt thair said tovne was and is gretumlie preiugitt in thair liberties and privilegis, insafar as James Geddes, being ane stranger and gentilman of the cuntrie, hes bene in tymes bypast preferrit to the said tovne anent the tak of the Kingis Maiesties customes of the said burgh, quhairvnto the saidis burrowis ar takismen, quhilk is contrair to all gude resoun, and thairfoir the saidis commissioneris of Dunfreis desyritt the commissioneris of burrowis presentlie convenit to this present parliament to mak thame richtt and titill of thair saidis customes, lykeas the rest of the burrowis hes alrady obtenit the samyn, ather to be vnder compte thairof, or vtherwayis vpoun ane speciall sovme. Quhilk article the commissioneris foirsaidis hes found resonabill, alwayis continewing all forther resoning thairintill quhill thair nixt generall conuentioun, in respect they ar nocht now cum presentlie instructed nor hes brocht with thame commissioun to determine thairintill, bot alanerlie ar cum and convenitt to entreitt vpoun the effaires of parliament; and hes ordanit thatt the commissioneris of Dunfreis be present at the said nixt generall conventioun to propone the said article, quhen as they salbe preferrit to the said James Geddes or ony vther extranear in thair richtt and titill to the saidis customes to be maid to thame in ample forme, they payand thairfoir at the sichtt and discretioun of the saidis burrowis, as best may accord to the proffit of the samyn, and thatt they salbe preferrit to ony vtheris in the bruiking and possesioun thairof, vpoun the conditionis aboue expremitt, quhairvpoun the saidis commissioneris of Dunfreis askitt instrumentis, etc.

Pittinweme,
pakking of
fische.

The samyn day etc., fyndis thatt be speciall article, it salbe proponit in parliamentt in thair names quhow the act of parliament laitlie maid and publeschitt at the mercatt croce of Edinburgh and vther places neidfull, anent the pakking and peilling of herring, quhyte fische, and vther fisches mentionatt thairintill, slayne be the inhabitantis on aither sydis of the watter of Forth, quhairby it is expresslie provydit thatt all the saidis fisches be brocht to the portis of Leith and Craill alanerlie, thair to be

graithitt and handlitt in maner as is contenit in the said act, is very preiudiciall and hurtfull to the remanent frie burrowis and sea portis on aither sydis of the said watter of Forth, and that thairfoir the said act may be reformat in this maner viz., that it salbe lesum to bring the saidis fisches to ony of the saidis frie portis alsweill as to ony of the saidis portis of Leith or Craill, nochtwithstanding the said act of parliament maid of befor, dispensand thairwith for ever, be ane new act to be maid in the contrair; quhairvpoun Iohn Corsaw, commissioner for the burgh of Pettinweme, askitt instrumentis etc.

The samyn day, the commissioneris of the burrowis fairsaidis dispensis with all the burrowis nocht chosin to be Lordis of Articles in this presentt parliament, and gevis thame licence to depairtt hame to thair burrowis, and the saidis burrowis licenciat to pas hame gevis full commissioun to the saidis [commissioneris] of burrowis presentlie to be chosin to be Lordis of Articles for the haill burrowis [to] appoynt ane day of general conventioun of burrowis, quhilk, vpoun the aduerteisment of the burgh quhair the samyn salbe appoynted to be haldin, they obleis thame be thair commissioneris fullie instructed to cawse be kepitt, Ratefeand presentlie for thame and thair saidis burrowis all and sindry the actis preceding presentlie maid, as alsua all and quhatsuever thingis the saidis Lordis Articles of Burrowis sall in this presentt parliament consent vnto concerning thair weillfair.

Burrowis desoluit approving actis preceding etc.

Decimo die Decembris 1585.

THE QUHILK DAY the commissioneris of burrowis vnder subscriueand, aprovand the actis abouewrittin, apoyntis thair nixt conventioun to be haldin at Couper in Fyfe the first day of Maij nixttocum, and gif ony parliament sall intervne in the menetye, in that cais to convene at the place of the said parliament foure dayis before to intreat vpoun the mater of the Kingis Maiesties customes, for reformyng of the abuses in parliament contrair the weill, honour, and dignitie of the estait of burrowis, the payment of Iohne Guthreis stipend, anent the reknyng of the burrowis in thair awin places, and generally vpoun all vther heidis concernyng thair estait, and the burgh of the conventioun at the said day or of the parlia-

Desoluing burrowis.

ment quhilk may intervene to mak lauchfull aduerteisment to the remanent burrowis of the premissis, and the toun of Edinburgh or Iohn Guthre to intimet this present act to the said burgh of Couper, or of the parliament, quhair it salbe haldin. *Et sic subscribitur.*

Nicolas Vduart.

+ the merk of Anthone Bruce

Michaell Gilbert.

for Striveling.

Alex. Wedderburne for Dundie.

Iohne Douglas for Craill.

Alex^r Rutherfurde for Abirdene.

Iohne Forrest provest of Lin-

Iohne Corsaw commissioner for

lithqu, etc.

Pettinveme.

*Convention of the Burrowis haldin at the Burgh of Cowpar
vpoun the secound, thrid, fourt and fyft dayis of Maij
the zeir of God I^m V^c four scoir sax zeirs, Quhairvnto
convenit the Commissionaris of the Burrowis efter follow-
ing, and producitt thair commissionis to the samyn,
etc.*

Cowpar.

Edinburgh, Henry Charteris, Ihonn Robertsoun, Edward Galbraith, and Patrik Sandelandis; Perth, Oliver Peiblis; Dondie, Alexander Scrymgeour, Alexander Wedderburn; Streveling, Williame Norowell; Abirdene, George Gordoun; Air, Daud Crawford; Linlithqu, Androw Kar; Cowpar, Schir Daud Lyndesay Iyoun herald, Iames Andersoun; Sanctandrois, Henry Lawmonth, Maister Daud Russell; Glasqu, Robertt Boyde; Hadingtoun, James Cokburn; Dumbartan, Robertt Watson; Irrowyne, Ihonn Peiblis; Renfrow, Ihonn Houstoun; Elgyne, Iames Douglas; Craill, William Bowsy, Ihonn Ramsay; Dunfermeling, William Mekilihonn; Dumbar, Robertt Cragy; Montrois, Iames Guthre; Breichan, Ihonn Ramsay; Forfar, William Thomsoun; Laneark, Ihonn Ballenden; Selkirk, George Halywall; Lawder, Alexander Home; Disartt, Archibald Meluile; Kirkcaldy, Alexander Dalzell; Kingorne, William Cunnyng-

hame, Androw Broun ; Innerkething, George Dury ; Pettinweme, Thomas Kingzow, baillie ; Dumfreis, Harbertt Ranyng ; Thayne, Fynlaw Mansioun, quha askitt instrumentis vpoun the productioun of his commissioun and admissioun thair of ; Culane, Maister William Lesly ; Forres, Thomas Urquhart ; Narne, the said Thomas Vrquhartt be commissioun ; North-Berwick, Robertt Olevar.

Apud Cowpar tercio Maij 1586.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris of burrowis fairsaidis vnderstanding thair tak of the Kingis Maiestis customes of this realme, quhairvnto they are takismen, to expyre vpoun the first of October nixtt, quhairby the occasionis quhairfoir the samyn war of first tane of his Hienes (ar exceptt remeid be found) to ensew, and the saidis burrowis apperandlie to incur and sustene the danger thair of, to the greitt preiudice of thair hail estaitt ; efter lang resonyng, quhairvpoun, and for avoyding and eschewing the samyn, all in ane voce for thame selues thair saidis burrowis, and in name and behalf of the burrowis absentt, concludis thatt the four burrowis, souerties for the payment to the Kingis Maiestie of the dewties mentionatt in the tak maid to thame be his Hienes with aduyse of his Secreit Counsall of the saidis customis sall, in thair names and behalf, betuix and the said first day of October nixtt, sute of his Maiestie and his Graces Secreitt Counsall ane new tak of the saidis customes in sic maner as they best sall think agreable to the weilfair of thair said estaitt of burrowis, provyding they exceed nocht the dewties in the auld tak, Geving to the saidis four burrowis thair full power and commissioun to thatt effect, promesand ferme and stabill etc., vpoun the conditiouns alwayis following, and na vther wayis, viz Incais of the grantt of the said tak, thatt the taxatioun quhilk salhappin to be impositt vpoun thair hail number of frie burrowis for payment of the inlaik of the principall sovme zeirlye to be payitt, and of the prices of the wynis to be promiseist to his Hienes thairfoir, be sett vpoun euery burgh according to the tred of merchandise vsitt within the same be the inhabitantis thair of alanerlie ; for making of ane taxtt roll quhair of, gevis full power and commissioun to the burrowis of Edinburgh, quha salhave twa voitiss, Perth, Dondy, Abirdene, Air, Striveling, Lin-

Commissioun to sute ane new tak of the Kingis customes, and to certain burrowis to sett ane taxtt roll, etc.

lithqu, Cowpar, Hadingtoun, Elgyne, and Breichan, be thair commissioneris fullie instructed to convene at the said burgh of Edinburgh vpoun the last day of October nixtt, but forther citatioun or varning to be maid to thame to the effect foirsaid, vnder the payne and vnlaw of twenty li. to be vplifted of every burgh of the said alevin burrowis nocht convenand the said day and place, but favouris. The commissioneris heir presentt for thame selues and thair saidis burrowis accepted in and vpon thame the burding of the premissis aboue expremitt, and the saidis haill burrowis aboue rehersit *promiserunt de rato, etc.*

Commissionoun
to certain bur-
rowis to geve
ansuer to the
Kingis Mai-
estie anentis
ane embassa-
dour to Den-
marke.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris of burrowis foirsaidis vnderstanding be certain burrowis sentt for be the Kingis Maestie in Apryle last thatt they had promiseit vpoun the saxtt of Maij instantt to repoirrt vnto his Hienes thair ansuer to his sute, craving of thame to furneis the expenssis of ane embassadour to be sentt be his Hienes to the pairtis of Denmark with ansuer to the king thair of to sic heidis as be his embassadour in Julij last was proponit to his Maestie and Estaitis in Sanct-androis, Concludis thatt the haill commissioneris of burrowis be south Forth now conuenit, together with the commissioneris of Perth, Dondy, and Abirdene sall, befor thair hame passing to thair burrowis, pas vnto the Kingis Maestie quhair his Hienes is, and lament vnto his Grace the greitt poverty of thair estaitt, nochtwithstand quhair of thatt they salbe rady according to thair habilitie to contribute with the remanentt estaitis abouewrittin for thair pairtis, quhow sone his Maestie raisitt ane taxation to thatt effect; gevand the saidis burrowis to be sent thair full power heirto, *promittendo de rato etc.*

Thatt euery
commissioner
presentt aduer-
teis thair custo-
meris to mak
paymentt of
thair bygane
customes, etc.

The samyn day, the commissioneris of burrowis foirsaidis, efter the hering of Robert Gourlay generall collectouris comptes of his intromissioun with the Kingis customes, finding thame superexpenditt thair of be the nocht making of certain customeris comptes and paymentt to the said collectour of thair intromissioun with the saidis customes of the zeris past, Ordanis euery particular commissioner of the burrowis now conuenit to aduerteis thair nichtbouris and customeris, betuixt and the last day of this instant moneth of Maij, to cum to the said burgh of Edinburgh and mak compte, rekning, and payment of thair saidis bygane intromissioun to the foirnamit collectour, with certificatioun to thame thatt failzeis, the said day being bypast, the lettres of horning alrady obtenit aganis thame

salbe execute but delay or favour, and ordanis the said Robert Gourlay, collectour, to cawse execute the samyn aganis the contravenaris heirof, and the expenssis to be maid be him thairupoun salbe allowit to him in his comptes.

The commissioneris foirsaidis gevis full powar and commissioun to Ihonn Robert-
soun, ane of the commissioneris of the burgh of Edinburgh, to resave the aithis of all the customeris of Abirdene sen the sett of thair tak of the Kingis Maiesties customes, gif thair comptis sentt to the generall collectour be trewlie vpgevin, and nathing omititt be thame induring thair offices, quhairof they mycht haif aduantagit the burrowis takismen thairof, according to vse vsitt to the remanent customeris befor the hering of thair comptis.

Ihonn Robert-
soun to resave
customeris
Abirdenis
aythis etc.

The samyn day, efter lang resoning vpoun thatt heid of the missive sentt to thame to convene at the said burgh of Cowpar, concerning the abusis in Parliamentt be the nocht conuening and resoning vpoun sic heidis as they ar commounlie sentt for to entreitt thairatt befor the entering with the Kingis Maiestie and his Hienes Estaitis in conference and conclusioun thairof, For remeid of the samyn hes statute and ordanitt, thatt in all tymes cuming ilk burgh send to euery generall conuentioun of the nobilitie or parliamentt, being vairnitt be the Kingis Maiesties missives or vtherwayis, thair commissioneris fullie instructed thairto, quha sall convene att sic place as the samyn salbe appoynted to be haldin att, twa dayis befor ilk conuentioun, and thatt the magistratis of thatt burgh quhair the conuentioun or parliamentt salhappin to be, convene the commissioneris of burrowis sentt thairto att ane certan place to be appoynted be thame daylie induring thair remaning thair, as occasioun sall serue, quhair they sall resoun, entreitt, and conclude be thame selues, befor thair inpassing to the saidis conuentionis or parliamentis, vpoun sic thingis as salbe proponit to thame to determine or resave knowlege of to be entreittit thairatt, to the effectt thatt efter dew resolutioun had thairof, thair voitis be nocht different or disaggreand as heirtofoir, bott sua vniforme and aggreand all in ane, as, butt discrepance and diuisionis, the samyn may accord with resoun. And becaus sic difference of opinionis in tymes past hes bene be the sending be saidis burrowis of this realme of vnskilfull commissioneris altogether nather faurrand nor practesitt in the effaires of the estaitt of burrowis, naither of the rank of

Act for conven-
yng befor par-
liamentis and
conventionis
etc.

honest conburgessis, haifing na actuall residence nor trafficque, nor sustenting portabill chargis with the remanentt conburgessis of thatt burgh quhairfra they ar direct in commissioun, thairfoir in lykewayis it is statute and ordanit thatt euery burgh attempting the lyke in tyme cuming, and geving commissioun to ony vther nor sic as ar of thair nomber and rank, supporting the chargis befor mentionatt, sall pay to the remanent burrowis ane vnlaw of twenty pundis sa oft as they failzie; as alsua thatt the magistratis of thatt burgh quhair the conventioun salhappin to be haldin, nocht attendand daylie induring the same as occasioun sall intervene, and assisting the commissioneris than convenand with thair societie, best counsall, and fortherance, quhairby in thair defaultt negligence may ensew, sall pay ane payne and vnlaw of fourty pundis vnforgevin.

Article to be
proponit in
Parliament
concerning the
burrowis
voitis.

Item, that ane speciall article be proponit in the nixt parliament or generall conuentioun of the Kingis Maiestie and his Hienes Estaitis be the commissioneris of burrowis to be convenit thairto, to crave redres of the greitt abuse vsitt of laitt be the vther twa Estaitis concluding actis thairatt, by the voitt and consentt of the estaitt of burrowis, and they affirming the samyn in the narrative of the saidis actis to be vniuersallie concludit be the thre Estaitis consentis thairto, as alsua be the denyall be the clarkis to the saidis burrowis of thair particular protestationis and actis concerning the weillfair of thair said estait; vpoun the mair perfyte forming of the quhilk article they ordane the magistratis of the burgh of Edinburgh to aduyse with the maist expertt, thatt the samyn may the better to thair fortherance cravitt and obtenit, etc.

Ranking bur-
rowis to be re-
memberit in
the nixt conuen-
tioun.

The samyn day etc., continewis the ranking of the burrowis to thair nixt generall conuentioun, quhen or quhair it salhappin the samyn to be appoynted to be haldin, quhairvnto they ordane ilk commissioner wairnit to the keping thairof to cum fullie instructed resolutlie to determine heirin, and that the samyn be rememberitt in the missives to be direct be the burgh quhair the said conuentioun salbe appoynted to be haldin; and the commissioneris of the burrowis of Abirdene and Perth, dissassenting to ony submissioun, askitt instrumentis thairupoun.

Vnlawis Had-
ingtoun dis-
chargitt.

The samyn day, the commissioneris all in ane voce dischargis simpliciter all executioun of the lettres raisitt for vplifting of the absentis vnlawis from the last conventioun at Hadingtoun in respect of the pest than

being in dyueris pairttis of Louthiane quhairby they mycht nocht obserue the samyn, but preiudice alwayis of the actis maid of befor anentis the conuening of burrowis to generall assemblies, and vnlawing of the absent burrowis, being lawfully citatt and wairnit thairto, be the burgh quhair the samyn salbe appoynted to be haldin.

The samyn day, continewis the ansuer geving to the petition of the commissioneris of the burgh of Edinburgh, craving reimbursment of the twa thowsand merkis to the outred of Adam Fowlertoun to Ingland, as alsua of vther twa thowsand merkis in thair names debursitt for my Lord Setoun embassadouris outred of his schip to France, and of the interest payitt be thame zeirlie for the lane thairto, to thair nixtt generall conuentioun of burrowis, att quhat tyme resolute ansuer ather negative or affirmative, butt forther continuatioun, salbe gevin, and ilk commissioner of the burrowis now present to send thair commissioneris fullie instructed to that effectt, and the burgh quhair the next conuentioun is to be haldin to remember the samyn in thair missives to be direct to the saidis haill burrowis for keiping thairto, but preiudice of ony thing may be said thatt day etc.

Edinburgh xije
Foullertoun,
vnuquhill Lord
Setonis ijm
markis etc.

The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis being surelie informit thatt Maister George Hacquett, conseruatour in Flanderis, hes contravenit thair actt and ordinance maid at thair last generall conuentioun haldin at Linlithqu, vniuersally, as of befor, conforme thairto dischargis him of ony forther dewty vplifting nor the sax stures mentionat in the said actt, and thatt he be sumond be the magistratis of the burgh of Edinburgh, in name of the saidis haill burrowis, vpoun thair resonabill expenssis, to compeir before thame in the said burgh the last of October nixtt, bringand with him his bygane comptis of his bygane intromissioun with the said dewtie of sax stures, with certificatioun and he failzie to compeir the said day and place to the effectt abouewritten, the commissioneris than appoynted to conuene to discharge him allanerlie in thair haill names fra thyne furth in ony forther vplifting of the samyn, Gevand thame thair full power heirto, as alsua to tak ordour with the excyse beir and abuse thairto, promesand ferme and stabill etc.

Edinburgh to
discharge the
conseruatour of
sax stures &c.

The samyn day, the greitt abuis of merchantis and vther Scottismen resortand to the toвне of Campfer in Zeland, thair ordinar stapill in Flanderis, being havelie lamentitt, insafar as they besyde thair vncumlie

Erection Kirk
in Flanderis to
be rememberitt
at the nixtt
conuentioun.

behaviour in thair civil lyfe and outwartt manneris, contrair the lawis of God and civil polecie, hes na maner of regard of conscience or relligioun, Thairfoir for remeid thairto, condiscendis baillelie thatt with sic diligence, as may be possibill ane Scottis kirk be erected in the said toвне, and ane minister to be chosin to serue the same vpoun the commoun charges of merchantis and traffecquaris, or vtherwayis as they may spy out the moyen thairfoir, quhilk they continew to thair nixt generall conuentioun; and to thatt effectt ordanis the commissioneris of the burrowis now presentt, to cawse send thair commissioneris fullie instructed the tyme abouewrittin, to conclude and determine heirin, as alsua that the magistratis of the burgh quhair the said nixt conuentioun of burrowis salbe appoynted to be haldin remember the same in thair missives to be sentt, that ilk burgh send as said is thair commissioner fullie instructed heirto.

Agent continewitt.

The samyn day, continewis William Makartney in agent to the hail burrowis vnto the last of October nixtt, geving power to the commissioneris appoynted to convene at Edinburgh the said day to continew or displace, *promittendo de rato*.

Article, Sersouris.

Item, thatt att the nixt generall conuentioun of the Estaitis or parliament remeid may be cravitt and obtenitt, be special article to be proponit thairatt, vpoun generall sersouris vndescreitlie sersing forbodin gudes, and omitting the vpgeving of ane compte thairof, to the greitt preiudice of the Kingis Maiestie, and his Hienes lieges, in all partis quhair they resortt.

Edinburgh.
Clarkis, Chakker,
Gourlay.

The samyn day, etc., gevis full power and commissioun to the magistratis of the burgh of Edinburgh to appoynt and aggrie with the Clarkis of the Chakker craving thair fies thairof, for the sovme of fourty merkis or les for all byganes, and gif they aggre, ordanis Robert Gourlay collectour of the customes to ansuer the samyn, quhome they promise to refond at thair nixt hering of his comptis.

Edinburgh,
Abirdene, Im-
poist, Excyse
boll.

The samyn day, the commissioneris of Edinburgh having menit vnto the saidis burrowis the vplifting as zitt of the impoist granted to Henry Nesbett, etc., ordanis compte, rekning, and payment thairof to be maid Ihoun Robertoun at his cuming to Abirdene. As concerning Sanct Nicolas mett and the assise boll, ordanis the commissioner of Abirdene to produce befor the commissioneris of burrowis to convene at Edinburgh the last of October nixt, quhatt rycht or titill they have to tak vp the samyn, and gevis the saidis burrowis power than to cognosce thairintill, *promittendo de rato*.

The samyn day, it being menit be the commissioneris of the burgh of Craill, North Ylis, quhow, to thair preiudice and greitt hurtt of all treddaris and occuparis in the north ylis of this realme, thair is greitt extortoun vsitt upoun thame be the country men within thais boundis, in thatt thatt within thir nyne or ten zeiris bypast ane boitt of the burding of ten lastis payitt alanerlie sax pundis for customes, ankerage, wod lief, ground lief, and all vther dewties, qubairas now ane boitt of the lyke burding payis be compulsioun extraordinarily mair nor fourty li., besydis the reving fra thame of thair wictuallis, Concludis thatt the said burgh of Craill geve in thair supplicatioun to the Kingis Maiestie and his Hienes Secreit Counsall, craving remeid heirintill, and that the magistratis of the burgh of Edinburgh, with the remanentt burrowis on the coist syde and vtheris pairttis preiugit heirby, concur and fortefie thame to the effect fairsaid.

The samyn day, anent the complaynt gevin in befor thame be Iames Guthre commissioner for the burgh of Montrois, declaring the inhabitantis of the said burgh to be privilegitt and doted of auld with the immunities, fredomes, and exemptionis from all maner of customes of saltt, schorlingis, scaldingis, futefallis, lentroun wairis, lambes, toddis, cuningis, calfis, otteris and founmart skynnis, as in thair said donatioun presentlie sene, red, and considerit be thame, at full lenth is contenit, quhairvpoun be cravitt the said burrowis attestatioun to the effect thairvpoun, vpoun the production of the autentik extract thairof the saidis inhabitantis of the said burgh mychtt be exemit, butt production of thair principall evidentt, from all payment to ony customer of this realme of ony customes thairfoir, Quhilk the saidis burrowis fyndis resonabill, and ordanit thair clark to geve and delyuer to him, or sic vtheris as had ado heirwith, the autentik extract of vpoun thair resonabill expenssis; and ordanis the commissioneris appoynted to convene at the burgh of Edinburgh the last of October nixtt, vpoun the sightt of the charteris of Linlithqu, Hadingtoun, and sic vtheris burrowis having the lyke privilege, to geve vnto thame the lyke attestatioun, etc.

The samyn day, the commissioneris of the burrowis fairsaidis, in respect of the poverty of the burgh of Forres, dispensis with thair conventioun to generall assemblies and keiping thairof for the space of thre zeiris heirefter, exeming the said burgh thairfra, sending to all vtheris conuentionis thair missive with the burgh ewest vndispensit

with autentiklie subscryuit, appreving all quhatsumever thingis salbe entreittit thairat as gif they war presentt.

Lawder, Selkirk, Northbervik, ex-emitt, etc.

The samyn day, etc., exemis from generall conuentionis for the space of thre zeris the burghis of Lawder, Selkirk, and Northbervik, provyding they keip all conuentionis in Edinburgh, Striveling, Hadingtoun, or Peiblis, and forther vpoun the conditionis aboue expremitt, etc.

Burrowis taxtt be the Lordis.

The samyn day, ordanis ane complayntt to be presented to the Kingis Maiestie and his Hienes Secreitt Counsall, anent the taxting of burrowis be the Clark of Register and vtheris Lordis, to the preiudice of the liberties of burrowis and actis of parliament maid thairanentt etc., and be the commissioneris to be conuenit at the burgh of Edinburgh the last of October nixt etc.

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Continuatioun Bruntisland, Anstrutheris supplicationis.

The quhilk day, anent the supplicatioun gevin in be Iohne Cleipan, indueller in Bruntisland, in name of the inhabitantis thair of, declaring thame to be erected in the last parliament haldin at Linlithqu in December last be the Kingis Maiestie and his Hienes thre Estaitis in ane fre burgh regall, and thairfoir to be enrollit with the remanent frie burrowis in thair generall taxtt rollis, to sustene all sic resonabill chargis as thai may gudlie do with the saidis burrowis etc. And in respect the saidis commissioneris com nocht fullie instructed to geve resolute ansuer to thair said supplicatioun, continewis the samyn, be consent of the said Iohnn, to thair nixtt generall conuentioun, quhen as with the first they sall have resolute ansuer thairto, and ordanit the samyn to be rememberit in the missives to be directt to the saidis burrowis, thatt euery particular burgh compeir instructed to thatt effect. And siclyke anentt the toвне of Anstrutheris complayntt anentt the lyke desyir, to be rememberit in maner abouwrittin, etc.

Ordour of wairning of burrowis to conuentionis.

The samyn day, statutis and ordanis that in all tymes cuming all missives quhilk salhappin to be directed be the burgh, quhair the generall conuentioun of burrowis salbe appoynted to be haldin, thatt the samyn salbe directed lawfully and in dew tyme to ilk burgh, quhairby na ignorance be allegit in the contrair, for the quhilk they ordane the said burgh to have ane vnlaw of twenty li. assignit to thame for thair

dew vsing thairrof, and incais they be fund negligent thairintill, thatt the burgh quhairfra the saidis missives ar to be directed sall pay twenty pundis for ilk burgh absentt, incais the samyn beis found to be in thair defaltt etc.

The same day, ordanis all sic burrowis as hes vplifted the impoist appoynted for Henry Nesbettis expenssis making in Flanderis, to bring in thair comptes of thair bygane intromissioun thairwith at the last day of October nixt to the commissioneris appoynted to convene thairatt in Edinburgh, and the commissioneris of ilk burgh now presentt to mak dew aduerteismentt to thair burrowis heirop, and dischargis all maner of vplifting of the said impoist in all tyme cuming etc.

Impoist Nes-
bett dis-
chargitt.

The samyn day, nominatis and appoyntis Thomas Kingzow, now commissioner for the burgh of Pettinweme, in comptroller to the customes thairrof vnto the first of October nixt, and willis that the remanent baillies and counsall of the said burgh assist him thairintill etc.

Kingzow
comptroller,
Pettinweme.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis remitis to the burghes of Breichane and Cowpar thair vnlawis for thair non comperance to the conuentioun haldin at the last generall conuentioun of burrowis in Linlithqu, for resonabill cawsis moving thame, and gif the said vnlaw of Breichane is alrady tane vp, they to be recompansit thairfoir at thair said nixt generall conuentioun.

Breichane,
Cowpar, vn-
lawis dispen-
sitt with.

Item, anentis the taxatioun of Kingorn, the burrowis continewis forther resoning thairanent vnto thair nixt generall conuentioun of burrowis, ordaning the burgh of Edinburgh to send thair commissioneris fullie instructed to defend thairintill, and thatt the samyn be rememberit in the missives etc., but preiudice of thair actioun depending thairrof befoir the Lordis of Sessioun etc.

Continuatioun
ansuer, King-
ornis extent
etc.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris of burrowis ordanis Williame Makartney agentt to vplift, aganis thair nixt generall conuentioun, the vnlawis of the burrowis absent frome this conuentioun, as alsua of all the burrowis in the conuentionis preceding, except sic as ar alrady vplifted, dispensit with, or remittit, and thatt he mak compte of his intromissioun thairwith at the said conuentioun; and the expenssis to be maid in in-getting thairrof salbe allowed to him in his comptes etc.

Agentt collec-
tour vnlawis.

Continewis the ansuer geving to Innerkethingis supplicatioun towart the customing of schippis passing vp the narrow walter to thair nixt

Innerkethingis
ansuer con-
tinewit.

generall conuentioun, and the samyn to be rememberit in the missives etc.

Striveling continewitt etc.

Continewis the ansuer to Strevelingis supplicatioun craving support for thair lois laillie sustenit etc, to thair said nixt generall conuentioun, and to be rememberit in the missives; as alsua towart Irrowyne, craving supportt to thair deokayitt hawin etc., and to be rememberit in lykewayis etc.; and siclyk to remember in the missives the reparatioun of Northbervikis decayitt harberie etc.

Hadingtounis vnlaw remittit.

The commissioneris foirsaidis remitis Hadingtoun of thair vnlaw of ten li., for thair desoluing from Linlithqu etc.

Vnlawing burrowis absentt.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis fyndis the burrowis of Kirkcudbrycht, Iedburgh, Peiblis, Aberbrothok, Banff, Wigtoun, Ruthuglen, Rothsay, to have incurritt the payne and vnlaw ilk ane of twenty pundis for thair non comperance to this presentt conuentioun, being lawfully wairnit thairto, as was sufficiently verefcitt be Iames Anderson clark of Cowpar; and ordanis William Makartney as of befor to rais letteris heirvpoun and ingather the saidis vnlawis, and to be comptabill thairfor as is abouementionatt, etc.

Desoluing conuentioun.

The commissioneris foirsaidis desoluis this thair conuentioun, and appoyntis thair nixtt generall conuentioun to be haldin at the burgh of Dondy vpoun the second day of Iulij in anno j^m v^c four scoir sevin zeris; and ordanis the magistratis of the said burgh to mak lawfull citatioun to the haill burrowis conforme to the actis maid thairanentt, vnder the paynis contenit thairin, etc., with certificatioun to thame as is befor rehersitt; and that the vnlawis salbe vplifted, alsweill of the burrowis nocht conuenand, as of the said burgh of Dondy, incais they do nocht diligence in wairning, etc.

Henrie Charteris.

Eduard Galbraith.

Oliuer Pebles.

Alex^r Wederburn.

Andro Ker for Linlythqu.

Iames Cokburn.

Iames Douglass for Elgyn.

Alex^r Dalzell.

Mr David Russell.

W^m Norwell.

George Gordoun.

Robert Boyd Glasgw.

Dauid Crauffurd.

Iohne Ramsay.

I. Guthre.

I. Andersone.

Welzem Cuninghem.

Archbald Maluille.

William Bowsy.	Thomas Kingzow.
Harbert Ranyng.	Ihone Banatyne.
Robert Craige.	Ihon Peblis.
A. Broun.	Robert Watsoun.
George Hallewell.	Robert Olifeir.
Iohne Houstoun.	George Durie.
Alexander Home with my hand at the pen led be Ihon Guthre	
notar at my command.	I. GUTHRE.

Vpoun the fourt of this instant the commissioneris foirsaidis remittit ^{Symsoun cus-} John Symsoun customer of Craill etc. to have his supplicatioun tane ^{tomar Craill.} ordour with be the commissioneris appoynted to convene in Edinburgh the last of October nixt, quhome they ordane than to satefie as accordis with resoun, and promesis to abyde thairatt etc.

Conventioun of Burrowis haldin at Edinburgh the first, second, thrid, fourtt of August the zeir of God I^m V^c four scoir sax zeris be the commissioneris efter following, viz. :—

Edinburgh, Ihonn Robertsoun, Henry Charteris, Iames Nicol, William ^{Edinburgh.} Huchesoun, Alexander Oisteane; Perth, Robert Andersoun; Dondy, Peter Clayhillis; Abirdene, Alexander Forbes; Sanctandris, David Watsoun; Craill, Ihonn Ramsay; Cowpar, Thomas Williamesoun; Kirkcaldy, Patrik Hog, Alexander Auchmowty; Dysartt, David Symsoun, Iames Hacquett; Hadingtoun, Williame Broun; Pettinweme, Thomas Watsoun; Linlithqu, Androw Kar.

Apud Edinburgh, quarto [die] mensis Augusti 1586.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris of burrowis foirsaidis vnderscryvand, foirseing the greitt lois to ensew and follow to the haill mer-

Statute for
vplifting of
certain dewties
of all maner of
gudes to be
transported
furth of the
realme to the
making of the
commissioneris
expenssis
direct be the
haill burrowis
for sekling of
redres of the
gudes tane to
Flanderis in
the narrow
seas be In-
gleschemen
and certain
ytheris of thair
faction in
Flanderis in
thair passing
throw the
narrow seas to
France, &c.

chantt estaitt of this realme be the laitt edict publeschit and alrady
practesitt in the partis of Flanderis, vpoun dyueris schippis passing heir-
fra to the pairtis of France throw the narrow seais, with salmond, herring,
and vther fisches, quhairwith they haif bene in vse to trafficque att all
tymes heirtofair butt impediment quhill of laitt, that vnderstanding, be
perfyte and sure informatioun, the Quene of Ingland hir Lieutenant in
Flanderis the estaitis and tovnis of thair factionis resolute mynde to con-
tinew in the executioun of the said edict maid for staying of schippis and
crairis cuming fra this cuntrey with the saidis wairis, and mynding to
transportt the samyn throw and to the saidis pairttis, quhilk vndoubtedlie,
incais remeid be nocht in haist cravitt and obtenit, will redound to the
enorme detriment of the said haill estaitt of merchantis, as said is ; and
thatt to thatt effect maist neidfull it is to have commissioners direct to
the said pairtis of Ingland and Flanderis with lettres from the Kingis
Maiestie in thair favouris, to the annulling thair of, or exeming of his
Hienes liegis thairfra, quhilkis commissioneris expenssis and forther
recompance it behovis thame for thair better furtherance to mak, Thair-
foir hes statute and ordanit, and all in ane voce for thame selues and
acceptand on thame the burding for the haill remanentt burrowis of this
realme, and as havand power of thame to the effectt vnderwritin, Con-
cludis and delyueris thatt for making of the saidis commissioneris expenssis
to be sentt to the Quene of Ingland hir Lieutenantt in Flanderis, and estaitis
and tovnis thair of, to seik redres heirin as said is, thair salbe vplifted fra
the tentt day of this instantt moneth of August vnto the tentt day of Au-
gust in the zeir of God I^m V^c four scoir sevin zeris, and langer as the neces-
sitie of this cawse sall requyre, at all the sea portis of this realme, off all
maner of wairis passing furth thair of, the dewties efter following, to witt,
of ilk tun salmond four schillingis, ilk tun claith auchtt schillingis, ilk
tun hydis four schillingis, ilk tun skynnis four schillingis, ilk tun vly and
butter four schillingis, ilk tun herring and keilling saxtene penneis, ilk
sek gudes to Flanderis to be estimatt to twa tunnis, and ilk serpleth
gudes to Dunskyne and the eistar seais to be estimatt be the tun. For
sure collectioun quhair of, the magistrattis of euery burgh and sea pointt
of this realme, to witt, the provest, baillies and counsall of Edinburgh sall
depute for thame selues, the tovnis of Kingorn, Innerkething, Queinsfery,
Bruntiland, and Prestonpannis, collectouris ane or ma ; the magistratis of

the burgh of Perth, ane collectour to vplift and ingather the dewties foirsaidis of all maner of gudes boititt at the said burgh peir and schoir thairof alanerlie; the burgh of Dondie and thair collectour, the dewties of all maner of gudes schippit at the poirtt and hawin thairof, the burgh of Perth onlie exceptit; Abirdene for thame selues, the tovnis of Montros, Banff, Elgyne, Inverness, Crummaty, and the remanent sea porttis benorth thame; Air, Dumbartan, Irrowyne, Wigtoun, Kirkcudbrycht, Dunfreis, to depute collectouris within thair boundis, euery ane for thair awin burghis; Craill and Elie collectouris to vplift the dewties schippitt outward at thair poirtt and hawin, and at ony poirtt and hawin be eist Levinsmouth, and of Anstruther be west the burn, Pettinweme only exceptit, quha sall depute ane collectour to the effect abouewrittin within thame selues; Kirkcaldy for thame selues; Sanctandros ane collectour for thame selues; and Dysartt ane collectour for thame selues, and all portis and hawins to Levinsmouth. For the quhilkis collectouris, the burrowis particularly abouementionatt, and magistratis thairof, salbe haldin to ansuer to the remanent burrowis of this realme, thatt they sall diligently collect and ingather the dewties foirsaidis dewlie as efferis, and at the nixt general conuention and assemblee of burrowis, to be haldin at the burgh of Dondy the second day of Iuly nixtt, mak iust compte rekning and paymentt thairof to the commissioneris of burrowis to be conuenitt thairat; as alsua thatt the magistratis of ilk burgh and sea portt geve diligentt attendance thatt ilk skipper and maister of all schippis, boitis, and crairis passing furth of this realme, befor thair departing furth thairof, resave from the saidis collectouris thair acquittance of the paymentt of the dewties foirsaidis, and keip the samyn for thair warrand; and quhatsumever he be thatt wantis the samyn, thatt he be compellet be the magistratis foirsaidis to pay to the said collectour ten schillingis for ilk tun quhilk salhappin to be vnpayitt. Forther, for the mair sure putting of this act to dew executioun aganis all maner of personis transporting ony maner of gudes furth of this realme att ony burgh or sea poirtt within the samyn, thatt the magistratis thairof, within the boundis preseryuit to thame, rais lettres of horning vpoun this presentt act and ordinance, and se the samyn dewlie execute aganis the transgressouris thairof, to the effectt foirsaid. And for the mair haisty expeditioun in dispatching of the commissioneris foirsaidis, according to the necessitie of this cawse, quhilk for the dangerous preparative and greitt lois to follow, gif the

said edict, conforme to the contentis of the samyn, continew and be putt to ony farther executioun, may nochtt abyde the long delay of the incuming and collectioun of the dewties abouerehersitt, it is thairfoir thocht maist needfull that the sovme of ane thowsand pundis alanerly be borrowit fra sic as for the zeill of the said cawse may be movitt to aduance the samyn, to be delyueritt to the saidis commissioneris for making of thair chargis, as said is; to the quhilk aduancer of the said money the commissioneris of the burgh of Edinburgh obleissis thame for thair said burgh for paymentt to him of auchtt hundreth fifty merkis betuix and the tentt day of August in the zeir of God Im V^o four scoir and auchtt zeris, and the commissioneris of Craill, Pettinweme, Kirkcaldy, and Dysartt obleissis thame and thair saidis burrowis coniunctlie to releve the said burgh of Edinburgh of the sovme of sax scoir ten merkis of the said sovme of auchtt hundreth and fifty merkis; the saidis commissioneris of Dondy to be bundin for twa hundreth thre scoir merkis; the commissioner of Perth for sax scoir ten merkis; and the said toвне of Abirdene for thame selues, Montrois, and all vther tovnis and sea porttis be north thame, twa hundreth thre scoir markis; and the remanentt commissioneris of burrowis presentlie conuenitt, for thair saidis burrowis, and in name and behalf of the hail remanentt burrowis of this realme, becomis acted bound and obleist to releve and keip skaithles the saidis burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondy, and Abirdene of thair and the saidis hail burrowis pairttis of the said sovme of ane thowsand pundis, at the said day of paymentt thair of, to the persoun fra quhom the samyn is to be borrowitt, but langer delay, fraud or guyle, or ony exceptioun of the law to be proponitt in the contrair, and ar contentt and consentis that letteris of horning and vtheris chargis neidfull, gif neid beis, be obtenit, raisitt, and execute vpoun the burrowis refusand, vpoun ane simple charge of thre days alanerlie. Attour, becaus the magistratis of the said burgh of Edinburgh, at the ernist desyre and requeist of the commissioneris fairsaidis, vndersub-scryvand as said is, hes borrowit the said sovme of ane thousand pundis, and thairupoun hes gevin and delyuerit to the person aduancar thair of thair sure band and obligatioun for thankfull refunding to him his airis executouris and assignayis of the samyn att ane certan day mentionatt thairintill, thairfoir, for thair releif, the commissioneris of the burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondy, and Abirdene, for thame selues and in name

and behalf of thair saidis burrowis, bindis and oblesis thame and thair burrowis foirsaidis to thankfullie refund, contentt, and pay to the saidis provest, baillies, and counsell of Edinburgh and thair successouris, the particular sovmes following, to wit, the said toвне of Edinburgh, for thame selues, quhilk they tak in thair awin hand, the sovme of auchtt hundreth and fifty merkis, quhairof the burrowis of Kirkcaldy, Dysartt, Craill, and Pettinweme to releve the said burgh of Edinburgh of sax scoir ten merkis; the burgh of Perth, sax scoir ten merkis; Dondy, two hundreth thre scoir merkis; Abirdene for thame selues, the burgh of Montrois, and all vther burrowis and sea portis be north thame, twa hundreth thre scoir merkis, extending in the hail to the said sovme of ane thowsand pundis, betuix and the tentt day of August the zeir of God I^m V^c four scoir and auchtt zeris, butt langer delay, fraud, or guyle, or ony exceptioun of the law to be proponitt in the contrair. And the saidis burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondy, Abirdene, Sanctandris, Craill, Cowpar, Dysartt, Hadingtoun, Kirkcaldy, Pettinweme, and Linlithqu, as havand power of the hail burrowis of this realme, conforme to thair actis and ordinances maid thairanentt, ordanis the hail remanentt of burrowis, nocht conuenitt to this present conuentioun, to releve for thair pairtis the saidis four burrowis of the said principall sovme of ane thowsand pundis, and incais of thair refusal, that letteris and executorialis in name as said is, be raisitt and execute butt faouris. Forther the commissioneris of burrowis abouerehersitt, efter lang resoning vpoun the qualification of dyueris and sindry personis quhome, in thair opinionis, they mycht haif thochtt maist aptt and meitt for executing of thair commissioun abouewrittin in the pairtis thairunto requisitt and behovabill, at the handis of the personis and to the effect aboue expremitt, all in ane voce, butt variance, hes elected and nominatt, and for thame selues thair saidis burrowis, and in name and behalf of the hail remanentt burrowis of this realme, electis and nominatis the rycht honorabill Maister George Hacquett, conseruatour for the Scotis natioun in Flanderis and thair commissioner, adionyng vnto him Ihonn Gourlay, burges of the burgh of Edinburgh, to quhome they will and grantis thatt the saidis provest, baillies, and counsell of Edinburgh, in thair names and in name of the saidis hail burrowis, geve to thame sic ample commissioun vnder thair seill of cawse, or vtherwayis as efferis, as to the weillfair of thair estait and fortherance of this mater salbe be thame thochtt maist meitt and expedientt, and promesis faythfully for thame-

selues and thair saidis burrowis, and in name and behalf of the hail burrowis of this realme, and thair successouris, to hald ferme and stabill all and quhatsumever thing the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall of Edinburgh in the premissis thinkis neidfull to be done, vnder the payne of all thair gudes, movabill and vnmovabill, present and to cum etc. And last, the commissioneris of burrowis foirsaidis, for thame selues and in name and behalff of the remanentt burrowis of this realme, bindis and obleissis thame to refund, contentt, and pay to the magistratis of the said burgh of Edinburgh and thair successouris, all and quhatsumever necessar debursmentis itt salhappin thame, by and attour the principall sovme abouewrittin, to mak vpoun the forther furtherance and furthsetting of this cawse, gif the necessitie thair of sall sua requyre, provyding they exceid nocht the sovme of ane hundreth merkis money abouexpremitt, etc.

Acceptatioun
of Maister
George Hac-
quett conserva-
tour in commis-
sioner for the
burrowis to-
wartis Ingland
and Flanderis.

The samyn day etc., in presence of the commissioneris foirsaidis, comperitt the richtt honorabill Maister George Hacquett, conservatour for the Scotis nation in Flanderis, to quhome Ihonn Gourlay burges of the burgh of Edinburgh is adionit, quha, for the gude zeill he beiris to the advancementt of all sic thingis as may tend to the weilfair of the merchantt estaitt of this realme, accepted in and vpoun him the office of commissioner for the hail burrowis of this realme, in passing heirfra with all possibill diligence to Londoun, or quhair it salhappin the Quene of Ingland to be for the tyme, and to travell with hir Hienes and Counsall for restitution of the gudes tane laitlie furth of the Scotis schippis passing to Deip be certan Inglismen, throw cullour of ane pretenditt proclamatioun of the Quene of Inglandis Lieutenand in Flanderis maid thairanentt, and to obtene discharge of the said pretenditt proclamatioun or edict; and thairfra to pas to the pairtis of Flanderis or Holland, quhair it salhappin the said Lieutenand to be for the tyme, and siclyke to the Counsall of the Estaitt of the said cuntrie, and thair to travell for the cawsis foirsaidis; and forther voluntarily promitted to execute the said commissioun gevin to him to the effect abouewrittin to the vttermest of his power, as to the weilfair of the said estait of burrowis may be aggregabill, as alsua to reportt his diligence thairanent with all gudeli expeditioun to the magistratis of the said burgh of Edinburgh, or thair successouris, for thame selues, and in name and behalf of the hail remanentt

burrowis of this realme. For the quhilk cawsis the said Maister George grantis him to have receavitt the sovme of ane thowsand merkis gude and vsuall money of this realme, as full contentatioun for his saidis travellis and making of his and the said Iohnn Gourlayis chargis, quha is adionit to him in all his journey, alsweill hamewartt as afield, vnto the repoirrt of the diligence abouewrittin etc.

Ihone Robertstone.	Dauid Symson.
Williame Hutcheson with my	Peter Clayhillis.
hand led be Iohnn Guthre notar	Dauid Watson.
at my command. I. Guthre.	Andro Ker for Linlythqu.
Robart Anderson for Perth.	Patrik Hog.
Alex ^r Forbes.	Thomas Watsoun.
	George Hacket.

*Followis the tennour of the tak of the Kingis Maiesties
customes of this realme sett be his Hienes to the frie
burrowis thairrof.*

At Halyrudehous the tuentie day of Januar the zeir of God I^m V^c four scoir sex zeiris, It is appoyntit, agreit, and fynalie contractit betuixt the Richt Heiche, Rycht Excellent, and Michtie Prince JAMES be the Grace of God King of Scottis, oure Souerane Lord, with aise and consent off the Lordis of His Hienes Secreitt Counsale and Auditouris of his Chakker, and of Androw Wod of Largo, his Maiesties Comptrollar, on that ane pairtt; and William Littill, provest, Iohne Arnott, baillie, and Alexander Oistiane, burges of Edinburch, commissioneris for the burgh of Edinburch; Robert Andersoun, burges of Perth, commissioner for the burgh of Perth; Iohne Traill, burges of Dundie, commissioner for the burgh of Dundie; and Alexander Rutherfurd, burges of Abirdene, commissioner for the burgh of Abirdene, to the effect underwrittin, for thame selffis and takand the burding on thame for all and sindry oure Souerane Lordis frie Burrowis within this realme, in maner, forme, and effect as

Tak of the
Kingis Maies-
tis customes for
thrie zeiris
granted to the
burrowis.

efter followis: That is to say, Oure said Souerane Lord, with speciale
 ays and consent foirsaid, for gude and wechtie considerationis tending
 to his Hienes vtilitie and proffitt, hes Sett, and be the tenour of thir pre-
 sentis Settis and in assedatioun Lattis, to the Prouest Baillies, and
 Counsale of his Maiesties haill Burrowis now present, and thair succes-
 souris haveand the libertie of the saidis frie Burrowis, ALL and SINDRIE
 his Hienes customes appertening and belonging to his Maiestie off all
 guidis custumabill, nocht prohibitt, presentlie to be careitt furth of this
 realme or importit within the same, quhilkis haue bene in vse to pay
 custome to his Maiestie or ony his predecessouris at ony tyme heirtofor,
 AS ALSUA of All and Sindry forbodin guidis, incais his Maiestie salhappin
 to tollerat or grant licence to transportt ony in tyme cuming, FOR all
 the dayis, zeiris, termis, tyme, and space of thre zeiris nixt and im-
 mediatlie following thair entrie thairto, quhilk wes and began vpoun the
 first day of October last bypast in this instant zeir of God j^m v^c foure-
 scoir sex zeiris, during the quhilk tyme thair salbe na restraint of ony
 guidis now permittit to be transportit WITH POWER to the saidis provest
 baillies and counsale and thair successouris foirsaidis, ilk ane of thame
 respective for thair awin pairtis, according as the speciale boundis salbe
 appoyntit to euery ane of thame, within the quhilkis thai salbe custo-
 meris be the auise of the commissioneris of the haill burrowis, to sett
 establische and appoynt particular customeris at euery frie portt, quhair
 customaris ar presentlie sett and hes bene thir tymes bypast, and as sall
 seme gude and expedient to the saidis Burrowis in tyme cuming, to the
 quhilk thai ar and salbe astrictit be the tennour heiroy And it sall nocht
 be lesum to the saidis customeris, during the said space of thre zeiris, to
 alter, change, or augment the quantitie of the saidis customes, bot thai
 sall resaue the same for the samyn dewtie as thai haue bene thir fourtie
 zeiris bygane, And to the effect the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsale of
 Burrowis now present, and thair successouris foirsaidis, may brook
 and ioyse the saidis customes during the space abouespecefeit, oure said
 Souerane Lord, with auise and consent foirsaid, sall with full effect mak
 all takis and assedationis of the saidis customes, or ony pairt thairof, to
 be retreitit, annullit, and extinct, and sall caus the takismen, realie
 and with effect, nocht onlie to desist and seis fra melling with the saidis
 customes in tyme cuming during the said space of thre zeiris, bot als sall

caus and compell thame to mak compt, rekinng, and payment to the Commissioneris of the saidis burrowis, and vtheris haveand power and commissioun of thame, off all customes ressaut be thame of quhatsumevir guidis, or quhilkis thae mycht haue ressaut sen the said first day of October last bypast, and sall caus and compell the customeris present to delyuer the halfe seillis and stampis to the saidis Commissioneris to the effect fairsaid, and the saidis customeris sall alwayis concur with the clarkis and keparis of the coquettis, and sall caus all guidis custumat to be coquettit, and to that effect his Maiestie sall caus his clarkis and keparis of his coquettis to be redy at all tymes for passing of coquettis, but delay or frustratioun of his liegis frome thair veyages, and that thai vse na extortiou by the auld dewitie, vnder the pane of deprivation of thame frome thair ofices; And incais be their abuse, ather in nocht residence or extortiou, that occasioun be offerit to oure Souerane Lordis liegis to complene, the tryell of thair falt and iugement of thair deprivation is, be thir presentis, committit to the Comptrollar, Aduocatt, Clark of Register, and Prouest of Edinburgh, now present and being for the tyme, or ony twa of thame, quha sall tak tryell thairanent, and put reformatioun thairto, as effeiris. AND the saidis Commissioneris of Burrowis, for thame selffis, and takand the burding on thame, as said is, sall nochtwithstanding the said tak and assedatioun mak compt zeirlie in the Chakker of the saidis haill customes according to the consuetude of auld obseruit, And sall pay zeirlie to our Souerane Lord and his comptrollaris for the tyme, for the saidis customes, the sowme of foure thousand pundis vseuale money of this realme allanerlie, at foure tymes in the zeir viz., Alhallowmes, Candilmes, Beltan, and Lambes, quhiddir the saidis customes, after compt and rekning, extend to mair or les, begynnand the first termis payment at the feist of Candilmes nixtocum, And forther sall zeirlie delyuer thretty twis of full Burdealx wyne and Burdealx bind to oure said Souerane Lordis vse at the chois and contentment of his Maiesties symblaris, and gif ony mair wynis beis ressaut be his Hienes symbleris, maisteris of houshald, keparis of his Hienes castellis, or ony otheris his Maiesties officiaris, be warrande and commandment of his comptrollar, nor extendis to threttie twis, the samyn salbe zeirlie defalkit to the saidis takismen and thair successouris abouewritten in payment of the said zeirlie dewtie of foure thousand pundis contenit in this present

tak ; and als defalkand and allowand to the saidis takismen and thair successouris, commissioneris abouewritten, sic sowmes of money as may be evictit fra thame be the law be ony personis haveand gift, pensionis, or vther rent furth of the saidis customes : PROVYING alwayis the saidis burrowis and thair customeris sall nocht be astrictit to ansuer nor obey ony precept nor directioun quhatsumevir (except befor exceptit) vnto sic tyme the haill wynis be payit that salhappin to be tane vp be ony persoun be warrand and commandement of the comptrollar to his Maiesties vse, fra ony merchand of this realme, by and attour the threttie twnis wyne foirsaid defalkit in payment of the said zeirle dewtie. AND FORTHER oure said Souerane Lord, with aulse foirsaid, willis, grantis, and consentis be thir presentis, that incais ony wyne sall happin to be awand to ony merchand within this realme, by and attour the threttie twnis of wyne foirsaid, at the ische and outtrynning of this present thre zeir tak, swa that the wyne tane exceid the zeirle dewitie abouespecefeit, that than and in that cais, ather the comptrollar present and that salhappin to be for the tyme sall mak payment of the prices of the saidis wynis at the ische of the said tak, or than the haill customes foirsaidis sall remane with the saidis Burrowis ay and quhill the prices of the same wyne be compleitlie payit to the merchantis quhome to the samen salhappin to be awand. AND the saidis Commissioneris ar content that for sure payment of the saidis foure thowsand poundis zeirle at the termis abouewrittin, and als of the threttie twnis wyne, letteris of horning or poynding be direct at the instance of the said comptrollar aganis the prouest, baillies, and counsale of the saidis burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondie, and Abirdene coniunctlie and seueralie, and thai to have the lyke letteris aganis the prouest, baillies and counsale of the remanent burrowis, for thair relief in forme as efferis. ATTOUR owre said Souerane Lord, with auys and consent foirsaid, is content and consentis and giffis full power and commissioun to the saidis Commissioneris of Burrowis, be thir presentis, that incais ony guidis, nocht prohibit be the lawis of this realme, salhappin to be transportit furth of the samen at ony tyme heirefter, during the tyme of this present tak, vncustumat be the commissioneris appoyntit be the saidis burrowis, to confiscat and escheit the guidis vncustumat, the thrid pairt quhairof salbe applyit to oure Souerane Lordis vse, and the fourt pairt of the samen to the saidis Burrowis awin vse, present takismen of the saidis customes ; and als to persew the skipperis and maisteris of schipis,

quhairin the samen guidis salhappin to be transportit, for the ressaueing be thame and thair clerkis of the saidis vncustumat guidis, for the sowme of ane hundreth merkis money, quhilk his Maiestie with auise and consent foirsaid ordanis to be taikin, of the saidis skipper and maisteris as ane penaltie for thair offence foirsaid, the thrid pairt quhairof salbe lykewise applyit to oure Souerane Lordis vse, and the fourt pairt of the samen to the saidis Burrowis awin vse ; with power be thir presentis to ony of the saidis Commissioneris of Burrowis to persew thairfoir befor the Lordis of oure Souerane Lordis Secreit Counsall or Auditouris of his Hienes Cheker as iuges competent appoyntit be thir presentis for tryell thairoff. And to the effect that this may haue the better executioun, oure said Souerane Lord, with auise foirsaid, giffis full power and libertie to the saidis Commissioneris to mak sercheouris of thair awin at ilk portt and hauein within this realme, quha, with his Hienes awin sercheouris appoyntit be his comptrollar, sall serche all schipis and guidis laidnit thairin, and try gif the samen be dewlie custumat or nocht, and to that effect, geveand thame power to lois the guidis being in bodum als oft as thai sall think expedient, alwayis but preiudice of our Souerane Lordis vtheris sercheouris for forbiddin guidis, bot thai sall exerce the said sercherie as they haue done of befor, and that the sercheouris to be appoynted be the saidis Commissioneris sall do nathing in the premissis without the concurrence and assistance of his Maiesties sercheouris foirsaidis, at the leist to be na farther astrictit nor to require thame to that effect, and alsua it is appoyntit and ordanit be this present contract, that the clerkis of the coquettis of ilk burgh and poyrtt quhair customeris ar sall zeirlie compeir personalie, bring and produce with thame thair cocquettis and cocquet buikis with the customeris appoynted be the saidis Burrowis, befor the Commissioneris thairrof, and mak compt to thame of the guidis that thai haue gevein cocquet vpoun, and that na cocquettar sall giff generale cocquettis to ony maner of schipis or veschellis passand furth of the realme, but that the samyn be gevein in speciale vpoun ilk particular quantitie of guidis, with the personis names, awneris thairrof, contenit thairin, conforme to the ordour vseit within the burgh of Edinburgh, to the effect that tryell may be the better had of the transporteris of vncustumat guidis ; and that na guidis be custumat, but quhair the samyn ar schippit and boittit, that gude and sufficient tryell may be tane thairrof

be the customeris and sercheouris appoyntit thairfoir; and gif the saidis cocquetteris delyver generale cocquettis after dew publicatioun and intimatioun of thir presentis maid to thame, oure said Souerane Lord, with auyse foirsaid, declairis the samyn to be of nane avail, and that the saidis customeris sall nocht be haldin to ressaue the samyn, bot the saidis guidis salbe confiscat, and the skipperis and maisteris of schipis or vther veschellis quhairin the saidis guidis contenit in the generale cocquettis ar schippit or boittit sall pay the penaltie abouewrittin in the samyn maner and forme, and to the [effect] abouespecefeit, as gif the saidis guidis had nawyis bene custumat. ATTOUR oure Souerane Lord, with auyis foirsaid, willis, grantis, and permittis that incais it salhappin the saidis commissioneris of burrowis to be superexpendit at the fute of thair comptis to be maid of his Hienes customes of the zeiris begane contenit in thair former tak and assedatioun of the samen, in that cais the samen superexpensis salbe allowit to thame in the first zeiris dewitie of this present tak and assedatioun. AND fynalie oure said Souerane Lord, with auyis foirsaid, promittis that this present contract, tak, and haill conditionis thairof, salbe ratifeit and appreweit be act of his Hienes nixt Parliament or Conventioun of the Estaittis. And als his Maiestie, with auyse foirsaid, and the saidis Commissioneris of Burrowis are content and consentis that this present contract and assedatioun be insert and registrat in the Buikis of Counsale, and decernit to haiff the strenth of ane act and decreit of the Lordis thairof; and that letteris and executoriallis be direct thairupoun in forme as effeiris, And for acting and registering heiroyf makis and constitutis

thair vndouttit procuratouris coniunctlie and seueralie in vberior procurationis forma, promittend to abyde ferme and stabill etc. IN WITNES of the quhilk thing oure said Souerane Lord, with auyse foirsaid, and the saidis Commissioneris of Burrowis hes subscriuit thir presentis with thair handis, day, zeir, and place abouespecefeit befoir thir witnessis, Sir Iohne Maitland of Thirlstane knycht, Vice Chancellor and Secretar to oure Souerane Lord; Mark, Commendatour of Newbottill, Maister Robert Dowglas, prouest of Linclowden, collectour generale; Sir Iames Home of Coldinknowis knycht; Maister Dauid Carnegie of Colluthy; Alexander Hay of Eister Kennet, Clerk of Register; and Maister Peter Young of Seytoun, his Hienes elemosinar, with vtheris diuers. *Et sic subscribitur*, JAMES R., Thyrilstane, Newbottle, Colden.

knowis, Lynclouden collectour, Largo comptrollar, Colluthy, Mr Almoisar, A. Hay, rger, Williame Littill provest, I. Arnote commissioner for Edinburgh, Alexr Oisteane be Iohne Guthre notar at my command, I. Guthre. Robert Andersoun commissioner for Perth, Iohne Traill commissioner for Dundie, Alexander Rutherford commissioner for Abirdene.

In the Conventioun of Burrowis haldin and begun at the burgh of Dondy the thrid day of Iulij the zeir of God I^m V^c four scoir sevin zeris, Comperitt the Commissioneris of Burrowis vnderwritin and producitt the commissionis efter following, etc. :—

Edinburgh, Thomas Aikinheid, Williame Huchesoun; Kingorn, Dondy. Williame Cunnyngname; Innerketbing, George Dury; Linlithqu, Androw Kar; Dumbartan, Maister Williame Houstoun; Renfrow, Ihonn Houstoun; Ruthuglen, David Spens; Air, David Crawford; Irrowyne, Hew Broun; Glasqu, Ihonn Lindesay, Williame Cunnyngname; Kirkcudbrycht, Robert Forester eldar; Wigtoun, Robert Dalzell; Laneark, Robert Levingstoun; Iedburgh, Thomas Henresoun; Hadingtoun, Williame Broun, Ihonn Wilsoun; Northbervik, ane missive with Hadingtoun etc.; Dumbar, Maister Alexander Kelly; Dunfreis, Ihonn Bryce; Dondy, Alexander Scrymgeour, Robertt Kidd; Perth, Robertt Andersoun, Iames Adamesoun; Banff, Thomas Ogilvy; Dunfermeling, Robertt Pawtoun; Craill, Williame Bowsy; Forfar, Walter Lindesay provest, George Sutt; Breichan, David Dempstar, Robertt Kineris; Montrois, Robertt Lichtoun, Iames Guthre; Elgyne, Thomas Hay; Innernes, Iespard Kymming; Sanctandris, Maister David Russell; Culane, George Moresoun; Selkirk, be Ihonn Ballenden souerty for thame; Forres, Iames Dumbar of Tarbett provest; Cowpar, Iames Andersoun; Narne, Thomas Hay commissioner of Elgyne catioun for appreving the actis; Thayne, Williame Makartnay agent, catioun they suld appreve; Dysartt, Henry Young, Ihonn Lum-biden; Kirkcaldy, Robertt Hay; Pittinweme, Ihonn Corsaw; Bruntland, David Clark, Maister Androw Wilsoun.

Electio Moder-
atour.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris befor mentionatt, according to thair actis and statutis maid anentis the nominatioun and electioun of the moderator in all generall conventiounis, nominatis and electis Alexander Scrymgeour, principall in commissioun for the burgh of Dondy, in moderatour to this presentt conventioun ; and Robert Andersoun and Iames Adamesoun commissioneris for Perth disassentitt to the admitting of him in the office of moderatourschip in the actioun betuix thair burgh and the said burgh of Dondy.

Dondy, Perth.

The same day, Robertt Kid commissioner for the burgh of Dondy producitt ane supplicatioun of the provest, baillies, counsall, and communitie thair of, desyring the commissioneris presentt to declair ane pretenditt decreitt gevin and pronuncitt in thair last generall assemblee of burrowis haldin in the burgh of Perth, in the moneth of Iunij 1582 zeiris, to be, for the causis mentionatt in the said clame, declaritt null befor they enter to the particular ranking of the haill burrowis of this realme, now deuoluit and put in thair handis be virtu of ane act of parliamentt, and the Kingis Maiesties missive presentlie producit be the provest of the said burgh of Dondy, as also conforme to the act of continuatioun maid for ranking of the saidis haill burrowis to this present conventioun, and quha war lawfully summonitt to that effectt ; and Robert Andersoun and Iames Adamesoun, commissioneris for the said burgh of Perth, affirmitt and allegitt the placing and ranking of the burrowis of Perth and Dondy to be alady discust and adiugitt be the saidis commissioneris of burrowis, be privilege of oure Souerane Lordis actt of Parliamentt maid be his Hienes with aduyce of the three Estaitis quhilk is daittit at Edinburgh the penult day of Nouember 1581 zeris, and the said burgh of Perth and thair commissioneris decernit to have the prioritie and first place, rank, and voitt in all oure said Souerane Lordis and his Hienes successouris parliamentis and generall conventiouns of the Estaitis and burrowis, in all tymes to cum, befor the said burgh of Dondy, and the said burgh of Dondy to desist and ceis fra all troubling and molestatioun of thame thairinto, as the copy of the said decreitt past be the saidis commissioneris of burrowis, and act of parliamentt foirsaid, presentlie producitt for verefeing heirof, proportis ; and thatt thairfor the commissioneris presentt nawayis may alter the said decreitt nor preiuge the said burgh of Perth nor commissioneris thair of in placing nor ranking, thatt mater being

alrady adiugitt in the awin strenth, and thatt na previe letter, purchest of his Maiestie, may preiuge the said burgh of Perth, nor decreitt gevin in thair fauouris be privilege of his Hienes actt of parliament and estaittis foirsaidis, protesting, thairfoir, gif the saidis commissioneris does in contrair thairfof, thatt thair proceeding sall nocht be hurtfull to thame, nor thair said decreitt, and for remeid thairanent in tyme and place as accordis of the law, quhairvpoun the saidis commissioneris of Perth askitt instrumentis; quhairvnto itt was replytt be the commissioner of the said burgh of Dondy, thatt the former friuoll and informall allegiance meittis nawayis the said burgh of Dondis desyir, bot standis in termis direct repugnantt thairto, lyke as the samyn nather meittis nor evacuattis ony resoun contenit in the said clame, and acceptis the hail foirsaid allegiance sa far as makis for thame. And the foirsaidis clame, decreitt, and actt of parliamentt again resaut vp be the saidis commissioneris of the saidis burrowis of Dondy and Perth.

The samyn day, the foirsaidis commissioneris of burrowis fyndis the sovme of ane hundreth pundis to be awand be thame to Ihonn Guthre thair generall clark for his last zeris stipend preceding the daitt heirof, quhairfof they ordane him to be payitt; and continewis him for ane zeir to cum in the said generall office of clarkschip to thame, ordaining him to have ane hundreth pundis thairfoir, and vpoun the conditionis mentionatt in the first actt of his admissioun in the said office, continewing alwayis the maner of paymentt of the said stipend bygane and to cum to the morn, quhen as the samyn salbe sett down with the first.

The same day, the foirsaidis commissioneris of burrowis vnderstanding the greitt confusioun quibilk hes enteritt and continewitt amang thame thir dyueris zeris bypast be certan stryffis and contentiounis of sum particular burrowis acclamand pre-eminence and prioritie in thair rank and voitting in oure Soueranis parliamentis, and vtheris conventionis of the estaittis and burrowis of this realme, and thatt the decisioun and determinatioun of the saidis contentiounis, with the ranking of the saidis hail burrowis, is remittitt simpliciter and diuoluit in thair awin handis be ane act of oure Soueranis parliament haldin and begun att Edinburgh the penultt day of Nouember the zeir of God I^m V^c four scoir ane zeris, quibilk being menit in the last conventioun of the saidis burrowis, haldin at Cowper in the moneth of Majj the zeir of God 1586 zeris, was than thochtt maist

Guthre, clark,
burrowis.

Ranking bur-
rowis remittitt
to Edinburgh.

necessar to be handlitt, and be resoun of vtheris wechtie effaires concerning the saidis burrowis quhilkis they had in handis, continowit the same and ranking of the saidis hail burrowis to this thair conuentioun to be haldin at the said burgh of Dondy; and besyde the foirsaid continuatioun, the saidis commissioneris being movitt to entreitt the foirsaid purpois tuiching thair ranking be ane favorabill letter and charge direct to thame be his Maiestie to thatt effectt—after lang resoning and dew consideratioun of the same, in respectt of the speciall entres thatt euery ane of thame in particular hes in the said matter, and of the difficultie to purge thame of affectioun or partialitie towardtis thair awin burghis in particular, hes thairfoir, be thir presentis, remittitt and simpliciter remittis the decisioun of the saidis contentiounis and ranking of the hail burrowis of this realme to thair honorabill and weilbelouit nychtbouris the provest, baillies, and counsall of the burgh of Edinburgh, to quhome they for thame selues and thair saidis burrowis respectiue, be the tennour heirop, gevis full power and commissioun to the effectt abouewrittin, as the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall sall think maist expedient, aither respecting habilitie or actorite, and thatt efter sic forme and maner as the saidis commissioneris mycht have done thame selues be virtu of the said actt of parliamentt, lyke as the saidis commissioneris faithfullie promittis to abyde att all and quhatsumever thingis the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall of Edinburgh salhappin to do in the premissis, but ony grudge or reclamatioun.

Perth, protesta-
tion.

The same day, in presence of the foirsaidis hail commissioneris, comperitt Robertt Andersoun, commissioner for the burgh of Perth, and protested solempnitlie thatt the commissioun granted in this presentt assembly be the saidis commissioneris of burrowis to the provest baillies and counsall of the burgh of Edinburgh for diremptioun and taking away of the contrauersies standing betuix certan particularis of the number of the saidis burrowis anentt thair preeminence in rank and voitt, and als for ranking of the hail burrowis of this realme, suld onnawayis be prejudiciall to thatt decreitt of burrowis pronuncitt in the last conuentioun of burrowis haldin at Perth in fauouris of the said burgh of Perth, tuiching thair prioritie in rank befor the burgh of Dondy, and thairupoun askitt instrumenttis etc.

The same day, befor the commissioneris foirsaidis, comperitt Thomas Aikinheid commissioner for the burgh of Edinburgh, and be thir presentis disassentitt to thatt burding impositt and committitt to the provest baillies and counsall of the said burgh of Edinburgh be the commissioneris of the burrowis, for decisioun of all contrauersies standing betuix ony of the particular burrowis foirsaidis tuiching thair rank, and for ranking of the haill burrowis of this realme, as the commissioun gevin in this presentt assembly beris, and thairupoun askitt instrumentis. As alsua the commissioneris of the burrowis of Dumbartan, Irrowyne, Innernes, and Culane, vpoun thair disassenting, lykewyis askitt instrumentis.

Protestatioun,
Edinburgh.

Quarto Iulij, 1587.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris of burrowis abouewrittin hes amerciatt and vnlawitt the burrowis of Abirdene, Striveling, Abirbrothok, and Peiblis, for thair absence fra this presentt conuentioun, being lawfully citat and wairnit thairto according to the actis, as was sufficientlie verefeitt be the magistratis of the burgh of Dondy, and ordanis euery ane of thame to pay the vnlaw of twenty pundis according to the tennour of the actis maid thairanentt, and that letteris of horning be purchest heirvpoun as efferis etc.

Burrowis
absentt vnlaw-
itt.

The same day, in presence of the commissioneris foirsaidis, comperitt Ibonn Ballenden burges of Edinburgh, and acted him self of his awin consentt for the burgh of Selkirk to repoirrt and exhibitt at the nixtt assemblie of burrowis ane actt maid be the magistratis of the said burgh, be cominoun consent, ratefeing and afferming the haill proceedings of this presentt assemblie, and all that may follow thairon etc., Lyke as Thomas Hay, commissioner for the burgh of Elgyne, acted him as souerty for the burgh of Narne, to the effect and in maner aboue expremitt etc.

Ballenden,
Hay, souerties
for reporting
Selkirk and
Narnis appro-
bationis.

The samyn day, comperitt Dauid Clark and Maister Androw Wilsoun, commissioneris for the burgh of Bruntiland, be virtu of ane speciall commissioun granted to thame be the baillies and counsall of the said burgh exhibite to the saidis commissioneris, and desyritt thame as commissioneris foirsaidis to be receavitt and admittit in the number of the commissioneris of the burrowis foirsaidis, and thair said burgh to be enrollit with

Admissioun of
Bruntiland in
ane frie burgh.

the frie burrowis of this realme, according to thair erectioun and liberties granted be oure Souerane Lord and his Hienes predecessouris to the said burgh, ratefeitt and confermit in parliamentt, and according to letteris of horning, be delyuerance of the Lordis of Secreitt Counsall, purchest thair-upoun, quhairwith the saidis haill commissioneris ar chargitt to the effectt abouementionatt; Efter avysementt quhairwith, the foirsaidis commissioneris, for feir and obedience of the saidis letteris of horning, admittit and admittis the foirsaidis commissioneris in thair nomber and societie, and ordanis the said burgh of Bruntiland to be enrollitt be thair clarkis in the nomber of the remanentt frie burrowis of this realme instantly, according to the saidis letteris, and to the effectt mentionatt thairin, and this withoutt preiudice to the allegit richtis, tittillis, and pre-
 privileges of the burgh of Innerkething, or Edinburgh, or ony vther burgh, or to ony actioun thatt the saidis burghis in particular hes or may move aganis the said burgh of Bruntiland; quhairvpoun the saidis commissioneris of Bruntiland, and Thomas Aikinheid commissioner for the burgh of Edinburgh, and George Dury commissioner for the said burgh of Innerkething, respectiue, askitt instrumentis.

Protestatiounes
 Edinburgh, In-
 nerkething.

The same day, anentt the desyr of the merchantis of this realme, trafficquaris in the pairtis of Flanderis, for erectioun of ane Scotis kirk in the toвне of Campfer in Zeland, and appoynting of ane minister for seruing thairin, the foirsaidis commissioneris, efter gude digestioun of thatt matter, and consideratioun of the necessitie of the same, hes with ane consentt agreitt and accorditt thatt ane minister salbe electitt and appointed for teching of Godis wourd within the said toвне of Campfer, and thatt he be sustenitt, aither vpoun thatt benefite granted be the said toвне of Campfer, the tyme of the establisching of the Scotis staipill thairin, anent the discharge of the excyse of beir, or ellis be ane imposit of the gudes thatt salhappin to arryve to Flanderis, or be ane contribution of the Scotis factouris resident thair, or be ony ane or twa of the saidis meanis; committing hereby full power to the burghis of Edinburgh, Dondy, Perth, Abirdene, Striveling, Linlithqu, Glasqu, or ony four of thame coniunctlie, to entreitt and handill this matter specialie, and als to nominatt and elect the foirsaid minister to serue in the said function, be the aduyce of the Kirk and Assemblie thairof.

Electioun of
 ane minister to
 ane Scotis kirk
 in Campfer.

The same day, the fairsaidis commissioneris, in respect of wechty and grave effaires quhillkis they have presentlie in hand concerning the weil of thair estaitt, to be menit and entreittitt at this approachand parliamentt, continewis thair ansuer to the desyir of the burgh of Innerkething anent the customing of schippis passing vp the narrow watter of Forth, on thair syde thairof, to thair nixtt assemblie in Edinburgh, befor the said parliamentt; as alsua the placing and nominatioun of customeris within the haill frie burrowis of this realme, and ordour taking with thame, to thair nixtt assembly fairsaid; and forther, anentt the impost raisitt for making of the expenssis of Maister George Hacquett and Ihonn Gourlay to Flanderis and Ingland in the burrowis effaris, to be entreittitt as said is befor the said parliament.

Continuatioun
desyir Inner-
kething and
placing of cus-
tomeris; and
impoist raisitt
for conserua-
tour and Gour-
layis expenssis.

The same day, it is concluditt be the commissioneris of the burrowis fairsaidis, thatt the burrowis nominatt and appoyntitt in the act maid in thair last assemblie att Cowpar for setting down of the forme of the taxationis to be impositt and lifted of the saidis burrowis for paymentt of the inlaik of the customes, and thretty tunnis wyne promitted to [the] Kingis Maiestie, for the sett and tak thairof, sall convene at the said burgh of Edinburgh befor the said approachand parliamentt, and mak ane perfyte roll conforme to the tennour of the said actt maid at Cowpar as said is; provyding thatt att the making and perfyting of the said roll thair be ane equall number of dry and sea burrowis, and the samyn na vtherwayis to be maid.

Setting of ane
taxt roll for
inlaik wynis
and customes

The same day, having consideratioun of the povertie of the burgh of Culane, and of the exemptioun granted to thame fra conuentionis, hes gevin licence to George Moresoun, commissioner thairof, to depairtt and pas hame fra the presentt conuentioun without ony danger of vnlaw to be incurrit be him for the said burgh thairfoir; and the said George hes affermit the hail proceedingis of this presentt conuentioun, maid and to be maid.

Culane licen-
ciatt to pas
hame.

The samyn day, anentt the supplicatioun presented be Iames Dumbar of Tarbett, provest and commissioner for the burgh of Forres, meuing the pure and simple estaitt of the said burgh, decay of the commoun warkis thairof, and greitt oppressioun and intrusioun maid be gentillmen thair nychtbouris in thair commoun landis, as alsua of the incommoditie and wrang the said burgh sustenis be halding of mercattis and faires att kirkis and

Forres exemp-
tioun and an-
suer to the re-
manentt heidis
of thair suppli-
catioun.

chappellis and vtheris vnfrie places adiacent to thame, to the preiudice of the liberties of the haille burrowis, and thairfor desyring the said burgh to be respected in alteratioun of the taxt rollis, and to grantt to thame ane exemptioun fra conuentionis of the said burrowis for ane certane space, as alsua to mene the oppressioun foirsaid to the Kingis Maiestie and Estaitis in parliamentt, as the said supplicatioun beris, the foirsaidis commissioneris, efter dew consideratioun thairof, being certainlie persuaditt of the povertie of the said burgh, hes exemitt and exemis the same fra keping of all thair assemblies and conuentionis for the space of thre zeris nixtt following the daitt heirop, without any danger of vnlaw to be incurrit be thame, provyding thatt the said burgh of Forres direct and send to euery conuentioun of the saidis burrowis to be haldin induring the said space, with the commissioneris of the ewest burgh vnexemit fra the said conuentionis, thair actt or nussive autentik, apprevving the haille proceedingis and conclusiounis of the same assemblee according to the ordour tane thairanentt; and continiwis thair ansuer to thatt heid of the said supplicatioun tuiching the diminisching of the extennt of the said burgh to thair nixtt general conuentioun of burrowis, quhairin the alteratioun of the taxtt rollis is to be handlitt; and forther, promesis to assist the said burgh in mening of the oppressionis foirsaidis in parliament to his Maiestie and Estaitis.

Continuatioun
ansuer to An-
strutheris de-
syir, etc.

The same day, anent the desyir of the erecting of Anstruther in ane frie burgh, and enrolling of the same with the remanentt frie burrowis of this realme, the foirsaidis commissioneris, vnderstanding ane actioun and cause depending betuix thame and the burgh of Craill concerning the liberties of the said toвне of Anstruther befor the Lordis of oure Soueranis Sessioun, and as zitt vndecyditt, continwis the ansuer to be gevin to thair said desyir vnto the decisioun and conclusioun of the said actioun; quhairvpoun Williame Bowsy commissioner for Craill askitt instrumentis, and Daud Burnsyde and Ihonn Alexander in name of the said toвне of Anstruther protested for reneid.

Ordour for pay-
ment of the
generall clarkis
stipend bygane
and to cum and
of his expens-
sis.

The same day, the commissionaris of the burrowis of Edinburch, Dundie, and Perth, be the tennour heirop, at the speciall desyre of the remanent commissionaris of burrowis present, bin-dis and oblissis thame and thair saidis burghis respectiue coniunctlie to thankfullie content and pay to Johne Guthrie generall clerk to thair conventionis the sowme of

ane hundreth lib. as for his stipend and fie of the zeir last bypast ; as alsua to content and pay to the said Johne the sowme of ane vther hundreth lib. for his stipend and fie modefeit to him for his service in the zeir nixt following the day and dait heirof, lyik as the remanent of the saidis commissionaris be thir presentis bindis and oblissis thame and thair saidis burrowis, of quhom thai haif thair commissionis respectiue, to freith releiw and keip skaythles the saidis burghis of Edinburgh, Dundie, and Perth of the premissis, and of all damage and interes that thai may sustene be the band fairsaid, and speciallie appoyntis and assignis to the saidis thrie burrowis the haill vnlawis of the burrowis americiat at this present conventioun, and restand awand in tymes past, or being in thair agentis handis for thair releiff of the premissis, with power to thame, in name of the saidis burrowis, to purches horning and vtheris executorialis for payment thairof, and gif the saidis vnlawis sall nocht extend to the full payment of the saidis sowmes, nor zitt happine to be ingottine of the burrowis addebtit thairin, the saidis commissionaris ar contentt that samekill as sall happine to rest over the saidis vnlawis that sall be resavit sall be payit be the extent and taxatioune nixt to be sett for payment of the inlaik of the customis, and xxx twnis wyne addebtit to the Kyngis Maiestie for the saidis customis ; and for better and mair swir payment to the said Iohne of the saidis sowmes respectiue, the saidis thrie particulare burrowis ar content that the Lordis of oure Soueranes Sessioun interpone thair authoritie heirto, and direct letteris and executorialis as effeiris thairvpon, at the instance of the said Iohne, and remittis the modificatioun of the said Iohns expenssis maid in keiping the conventionis to the saidis thrie burrowis.

The same day, the commissioneris of the burrowis fairsaidis vpoun sum complaintis maid to thame anentt the disconformitie and difference of the wechtis and mesouris within the frie burrowis of this realme, be the tennour heirof ratefis and affermis thair auld actis and constitutionis maid for the vniformitie thairof, and in speciall thatt actt maid in the conventioun of burrowis haldin at Edinburgh in the moneth of Apryle 1552 zeris, ordaining the stane wechtt to be conforme to the stane wechtt of Laneark, the pynt stoup according to the jug of Striveling, the firloft agreeable with the firloft of Linlithqu, and the elnwand conforme to the enlwand of Edinburgh, and that na disconformitie be of the saidis wechtis and mesouris, vnder the paynis contenit in the saidis acttis.

Vniformitie
wechtis and
mesouris in
burrowis.

Dondie, vnfrie
craftismen.

The same day, anentt the complayntt productit be the dekynnis of craftis of the burgh of Dondy, bering thame to be greittlie hurtt in thair liberties, and the haille burrowis preiugitt of thair privilegis, be the resorting and residence of all kynde of craftismen in the suburbis of frie burrowis of this realme, enioying thairby als greitt commoditie as friemen subiect to taxationis and all burdingis impositt vpon the saidis burrowis; efter consideratioun of the quhilk complaynt, the saidis commissioneris ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to mene the same in the approachand parliament, and to desyir remeid to be provydit thairto be the Kingis Maiestie and Estaitis thairof.

Acceptatioun
Montrois, clame
Breichan.

The same day, the saidis commissioneris being conuenit, comperitt Robert Lichton, commissioner for the burgh of Montrois, and accepted that pairtt of the clame gevin in aganis the said burgh be the commissioneris of Breichan, proporting that the burghis of Montrois and Dondy hes had liberty and privilege to handill and traffeque within the said citie and friedome thairof frielie in tymes past, and thairupoun askitt instrumentis.

Quinto Iulij, 1587.

Thayne des-
pensitt with.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis, at the special desyir of ane missive direct frome Williame Makartnay thair generall agent, dispensiss with the absence of the burgh of Thayne fra this present convention, and declaris thame frie of all vnlaw thairfoir, the said Williame actand himself thatt the said burgh be thair actt of courtt or sum vther antentik writt sall approve the haille conclusiouns in this presentt convention. And the commissioner of Innernes protested the enrolling of thame suld nocht preiuge thame of thair liberties.

Kingzow,
Dischingtoun.

The same day, anent the contrauersie standing betuix Martyne Deschingtoun, customer of Pittinweme, and Thomas Kingzow, bailie thairof, his comptroller, anentt the comptes of the saidis customes of the said burgh, baith parties being present, the saidis commissioneris, in respect of the schortness of tyme quhilk they have for intreitting of vtheris thair wechtie effaires, remittis the said contrauersie and cognitioun to be tane of baith the saidis parties comptes to the four commissioneris of the burrowis appoynted for hering of the generall comptis of the hail customes, with

power to thame to determine thairin in sic soirtt and maner as the saidis haill commissioneris mycht haif done in this presentt conuention ; quhilkis commissioneris of Edinburgh, Dondy, and Perth accepted in and vpoun thame the burding heirof, and assignit to baith the saidis pairties this day aucht dayis, within the burgh of Edinburgh, to compeir in the Nether Tolbuyth thairof and produce thair comptis ; lykeas the saidis haill commissioneris, be resoun of sum misbehaviour of the saidis pairties in thair presences, ordanis thame baith to fynd catioun, ilkane vnder the payne of fyve hundreth merkis, that nather of thame sall offer occasioun of iniury to vtheris for the space of twenty dayis nixtt heir-after, and that they sall baith compeir befor the saidis four burrowis in Edinburgh the day foirsaid, to the effectt abouexpremitt ; for obedience of the quhilk ordinance, George Adamsoun burges of Pettinveine, as cautionnar for the said Thomas Kingzow, and Williame Bowsy burges of Craill, as cautionnar for the said Martyne Dischingtoun, to the effect aboue contenit, ar acted bond and obleist respectiue of thair awin consentis vnder the paynis aboue mentionat, and the principall pairties obleist to releve the saidis pairties of the premissis.

The quhilk day, the foirsaidis commissioneris vnderstanding the povertie and greitt penurie of the burrowis of Ruthglen, Elgyne, Wigtoun, Iedburgh, Kirkcudbrycht, Banff, Forfar, Innernes, Thayne, Culane, and Qulithorn, hes exemit, and be thir presentis exemis the saidis burrowis respectiue fra keping of all conuentionis of burrowis for the space of thre zeris nixtt following the daitt heirof ; willing and declaring heirby that they nor [any] of thame sall incur ony danger or vnlaw be thair absence thairfra nochtwithstanding ony actis maid in the contrair, provyding that ilkane of the saidis burrowis direct, with the commissioneris of the burgh ewest to thame nocht exemit, to euery conuention of the saidis burrowis during the space foirsaid, ane autentik missive appreving the conclusionis and proceedings of the saidis conuentionis.

The same day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis, efter consideration of the desyris of the burgh of Edinburgh tuiching the rembursing to thame of the soyme of tuelff hundreth merkis aduancitt to Adam Foullertoun, and of twa thousand merkis to vmquhile George Lord Seytoun, as alsua of ane thousand pundis debursitt and aduancitt be thame to the comptroller at the last tak of the customes, with the soyme of twa thowsand pundis to the furnesing my Lord Embassadour laitlie direct to

Certain burrowis exemit fra conuentionis.

Continuatioun of Edinburghis petitionis to the nixt generall assemblee.

Denmark, and of the interes payitt be thame thairfoir, Finding the twa last heidis nocht to have bene menit to thame of befoir, and thatt tyme will nocht serue to give resolute ansuer to the first twa, conforme to ane act of continwatioun maid in the last conuentioun of Cowper thairanent, hes be the aduyse of commissioneris of the said burgh of Edinburgh, they being ernistlie requeistitt thairto, continewitt and continewis thair speciall ansuer to the haill poyntis of the said burgh of Edinburghis desyir to the nixtt generall assemblee of the saidis burrowis, to be haldin at the said burgh of Edinburgh the penultt day of October nixttocum, and ordanis the haill burrowis to direct thair commissioneris fullie instructed to geve resolute ansuer thairto, and to be rememberitt in the missivis to be direct to that effect.

Followis certain Artiellis to be pennitt and gevin in att the approach-
and parliament.

Certain Articles
to be proponit
in parliament.

ITEM in the first, To desyir the auld liberties and previlegis of the burrowis to be ratefeitt and approvin, and specialie thatt libertie and privilege quhairby they war exemitt fra all wairdan and lieutenant raidis.

ITEM, In consideratioun of the greitt travellis and expenssis quhairvnto the inhabitantis of this realme ar oft tymes putt be the inordinatt gredynes of messengers and vtheris officeris of armes in summonding thame vpoun assysis, the mater quhairfoir nawayis being notour to thame, thairfoir to desyir ane generall exemptioun to the haill inhabitantis of burrowis fra all assysis and inqueistis, except the fact be committit within the burgh quhair they duell, or within twa mylis aboutt, as is granted to sum particular of the saidis burrowis be the Kingis Maiesties predecessouris.

ITEM, Thatt the auld actis maid anentt transportaris of forbiddin gudes be ratefeitt, and specialie that the transporting of coillis be simpliciter prohibited, in respect of the decay of the heuchis, and presentt exhorbitant derth thairrof.

ITEM, Thatt the actis maid anent cowparis and foirstalleris be ratefeitt, and ane speciall declaratour be sett down, be act of parliament, anentt the description of foirstalleris, cowparis, and regratouris, to the effect inferiour [iudges] may mair esalie discharge thair offices in putting of the

saidis actis of parliament aganis the contravenaris thairrof to executioun, insafar as power is granted to thame thairby.

ITEM, To remember that the act of parliament maid anentt the estaitt and qualities of personis within burgh suld be renewit.

ITEM, To mene in the said parliament thatt Maisteris of Grammer Scholes within burrowis be onnawayis sufferit to vse the functioun of ane minister or notar, quhairby they ar drawin fra thair ordinar cure, nor ane minister to beir the office of ane scole maister or notar.

ITEM, To be rememberitt in parliament thatt the hail testamentis, greitt and small indifferentlie, be confermit be the iugis ordinar of the commissariat quhair the defunctis hes dueltt, sure cautoun beand found for gude service and compte of the quotis etc.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris of burrowis fairsaidis nominatis and electis Androw Mekill, seruand to Robertt Gourlay thair generall collectour, collectour to ingather the vnlawis of the burrowis absentt and nocht comperand to this presentt conuention, and he to be comptabill thairfoir to the burrowis, and the burrowis appoyuted for hering of the customeris comptis to modifie his fie thairfoir.

ITEM, That ane article be proponit in parliament for redres of the extraordinary dewties tane for licence of salt to pas furth of the realme, and thatt the samyn be licentiatt to be transported, etc.

Sexto Iulij 1587.

The saidis commissioneris, vpoun repoirrt of the povertie of the burgh of Quhithorn, at the desyr of Robertt Forester eldar, commissioner for Kirkcudbrycht, dischargis thair vnlaw of twenty li., quhairin they ar conuict for absence fra this conuention, and exemis the said burgh fra all conuentionis of burrowis for thre zeris, vpoun the commoun prouisionis, etc.

The same day, continewis the setting down of the forme of the rollis anent the taxationis to be imposit for inlaik of the customes and wynis, to thair nixt general assemblee of burrowis etc.

The same [day], the commissioneris fairsaidis remittis and dischargis

the burgh of Abirbrothok ane of the twa vnlawis quhairin they ar conuict for thair absence frome this conuentioun, and the conuentioun of Cowpar, provyding he pay the ane thairof within the space of ane moneth nixt heirefter.

Guthre, clerk,
to subscriue
missives.

The commissioneris of burrowis foirsaidis ordanis Thonn Guthre, in thair names, to subscriue the missives direct to Sanctandros, Thomas and Alane Lentroneis, Laird Anstruther, and Tovne of Pettinweme, anentis the suppressing of piracie in the firth and vther pairttis.

Sending furth
ane schip and
bark for staying
of pirattis.

The same day, the commissioneris of burrowis foirsaidis gevis full power and commissioun to the burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, and Dondy to appoynt and aggre in thair names with Alane Lentrone in Sanctandros, for outreking of ane schip, sufficientlie equippyit with all furniture necessar belonging or requisitt thairto, for suppressing of the pirattis hanting in this firth, and vther pairttis betuix Zarmouth, Orknay, or Schyteland, for the sovme of ane thowsand merkis, quhairof the saidis haill burrowis obleissis thame to relve the saidis thre burrowis of the said principall sovme and intres to be payitt to sic as aduancis the samyn thairfoir, and to refund for thair pairtis to the saidis thre burrowis the samyn principall sovme and intres, gif ony beis payitt, within twa monethis nixt heirefter; and gif the thre burrowis, for the better furthsetting of the said schip, salhappin to borrow ony ordinance, viz., four cast pecis, they obleiss thame to sustene the aventour thairof, and to releve thame of the prices thairof, incais the samyn be loist, and nocht redelyueritt to the lennaris thairof, in maner as the samyn is at the borrowing of the samyn salbe delyueritt, and siclyke sall refund, contentt, and pay to the foirnamitt burrowis all and quhatsumever sovmes of money itt salhappin thame to deburs vpoun the outred of ane bark with thretty men to accompany the said Alane in his veyagis abouewrittin, and thatt within the spaice of twa moneth nixt heirefter foirsaidis. And becaus the commissioneris of the burrowis of the west cuntry, sic as Glasqu, Irrowyne, Air, Dumbartan, and vtheris salhappin to haif ado for outredding of ane schip and bark, ather for occasion of piracy presentlie committit or to be committit, the saidis haill burrowis obleissis thame to releve the saidis west burrowis, or ony ane of thame outredding of the said schip [and] bark, of sic sovmes as they salhappin to deburs to thatt effectt, provyding the samyn exceid nocht the sovmes aduancitt to the outred of the said Alane Lentrone and his bark, and provyding thatt the saidis west burrowis

accord with the maisteris of the schippis quhilk they sall outred, vpoun the same conditionis conuenit vpoun with Alane Lentroun ; and the saidis haill burrowis faythfullie obleissis thame heirto, and ar content that executorialis and vtheris letteris pas heirvpoun in forme as efferis, etc, *promittendo de rato, etc.*

The same day, the haill commissioneris of burrowis abouewrittin concludis and desoluis this thair present conventioun, and appoyntis thair nixt generall conuentioun to be haldin at Edinburgh vpoun the penult day of October nixtt, and the said burgh to direct missives to the haill burrowis for wairning of thame to send thair commissioneris fullie instructed vpoun the speciall heidis continewit thairto, or that salhappin in the menetye to intervene, vnder the paynis contenit in the actis, to be vplifted of the nocht comperand, and incais of non aduerteissar, of the said burgh summondar.

Thomas Aikinheid
 Wm. Huchesoun with my hand
 led be the notar vnderwrittin
 at my command. I. Guthre.
 Robert Anderson.
 Iames Adamsone.
 Andro Ker.
 Williame Broun.
 Daud Crauffurd,
 Ihon Lyndsay.
 Willam Cunyngam.
 Mr Daud Russell.
 Hew Broun.
 Welzom Cunninhem.
 Iohane Lumisdane.
 Mr Alexr. Kellie.
 I. Andersone.
 R. Hay.
 Robert Lychtoun.
 I. Guthre.
 William Bowsy.

Robert Foster.
 Robert Dalzell.
 Iohn Bryce.
 Maister Vm. Houstoun.
 Robert Cusney.
 Thomas Henderson.
 Rot. Hay.
 George Durie.
 Iohnne Corsaw.
 Mr Thomas Ogilwy.
 Daud Clark.
 An. Vilsoun, 1587.
 Robertt Livingstoun.
 Iohnn Howstoun.
 Robart Pattoun.
 George Sute.
 Thomas Hay.
 Iasper Cuning.
 Robert Kyd.
 Alexr. Scrymgeour.

Edinburgh.

In the Conuentionoun and Generall Assemblie of Burrowis begun and haldin at the burch of Edinburgh vpone the penult day of October the zeir of God I^m V^c fourscoir sevin zeiris, Comperit the commissioneris of Burrowis vnderwrittin and producit thair commissionis, pairtlie vnder the seillis of thair saidis burghis, and vtheris vnder the subscriptionis of the magistrattis and commoun clerkis thair of, off the quhillkis burrowis and thair commissioneris the names followis.

For the burgh off Edinburgh, Iohne Arnot, prouest, Iohne Iohnestoun, ane of the counsall, Robert Ker, ane of the baillies, Eduard Galbraith skynner, and Alexander Oisteane of the counsall; for Dundie, William Duncan, baillie; for Striveling, William Norvell, and Walter Cowane; for Abirdene, Alexander Forbes; for Air, Dauid Craufurde, and George Cochrane; for Lynlythqw, Andro Ker; for Irwing, Hew Broun; for Glasgow, Robert Rowat, and Iohne Lyndesay; for Drumfreis, Iohne Merschell; for Hadingtoun, Iohne Wilkie; for Sanctandrois, Duncan Balfour, and Dauid Watsons, dene of gild; for Cowpar, Iames Petirsone; for Craill, William Bowsie; for Montrois, Robert Lichtoun; for Breichene George Arrott; for Dumfermling, Iohne Bosuell; for Elgyn, Iames Guthrie; for Dumbartane, Iohne Hardrig; for Iedburghe, Thomas Hendersone; for Dunbar, Maister Alexander Kellie; for Lawder, Iames Lawder; for Wigtoun, Iohne Edzear; for Innerkething, George Dury; for Forfair, William Thomsone; for Kirkcaldy, Robert Hay, baillie; for Dysert, Iames Halkquet; for Abirbrothok, Iohne Haillis; for Selkirk, Gawin Wilkie; Pettinveme, Thomas Kenzow; for Brunteland, Iohne Clapen, provest, Maister Andro Vilsone, clerk; for Kingorne, Williame Cuninghame; for Northbervik, Hew Baillie, Robert Olipher; for Anstruder, William Blak; Forres be commissioun; Banff be commissioun; Kirkcudbrycht be ane missive.

The saymn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis according to the ordour and actis of burrowis, electis and nominatis Iohne Arnot prouest of the burch of Edinburgh in Moderatour during this present conuentioun.

Electio modera-
tour.

The samyn day, for keping of gude ordour and convening in dew tyme for bettir dispesche vpon sic materis as thai haue presentlie to intreit, it is statute and ordanit that euerie commissioner induring this present conuentioun, daylie, befor none and efter, convene at the place and hour appointit be the said moderatour, ilk persone vnder the pane of vjs. viiijd., sa oft as he failzieis.

Act for conven-
ing in dew
tyme.

Vltimo Octobris 1587.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris of the burrowis of Edinburgh, Dundie, Air, Lynlythqw, Irwing, Glasgow, Hadingtoun, Dunbar, Lawder, Breichen, Montros, Selkirk, Dunfermling, Abirbrothok, Kirkcaldy, Northbervik, Dunbartan, Wigtoun, Iedburghe, Pettinveme, and Brunteland, findis conforme to the actis and statutis of burrowis maid anent convening vpon the first day of the conuentioun and generall assembleie, that the burrowis of Perth, Rothesay, Renfrow, Ruthuglen, Quithorne, Lanerk, Peiblis, Drumfreis, Craill, Innernes, Sanctandros, Cowpar, Culane, Thayne, and Dysert, in respect of thair nocht comperance the said first day and presenting be thair commissioneris of thair commissionis respectiue, that thay and euerie ane of thame hes incurrit the pane and vnlaw of tuentie pundis, and this in respect of thair lauchfull citatioun and warning as wes sufficientlie verefeit be writ be Andro Mekill seruitour to the generall collectour of burrowis.

Vnlawing bur-
rowis nocht
comperand the
first day of the
conuentioun.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis for ansuering to the first heid of the missiue direct to thame be the said burch of Edinburgh at command of the commissioneris of burrowis convenit at the burch of Dundie in Iulij last and actis maid thairat, and at the burch of Cowpar the zeir preceding, for setting down of ane taxt roll contening quhat euerie burgh sall, induring the tyme of thair tak of the Kingis Maiesties customes vpon the inlaik of the same and threttie tunnis wyne to be payitt zeirlye to his Hienes thairfore, pay of euerie hundreth pundis quhen-soeuer ony taxatioun suld occur be the inlaik of the saidis customes to

Commissioun
to certan bur-
rowis to sett
down ane taxt
roll vpon the
inlaik of the
customes and
wynis.

be imposit vpon thame, hes electit and nominat the commissioneris of the burghes of Edinburgh, Dundie, Glasgow, Lynlythqw, Hadingtoun and Breichene to set down the said roll vpon euerie particular burgh as said is, conforme to the tennour of the act maid thairanent at the said burgh of Cowpar the thrid day of Maij 1586 zeris, to quhome thay for thame-selffis, and as hawand speciall commissioun of the hail remanent burrowis of this realme, gevis full powar and commissioun to that effect, promising ferme and stabill etc., but preiudice alwyis of the generall taxt roll to be alterit at this present conuentioun befor the dissolving thairof. The commissioneris of the quhilkis burrowis viz. for Edinburghe, Ihone Ihonestoun, and Eduard Galbraith, for Dundie, William Duncan, for Glasgow, Robert Rowat, for Lynlythqw, Andro Ker, for Hadingtoun, Iohne Wilkie, and for Breichene, George Arrott, acceptitt in and vpon thame the setting and forming of the said roll, and to that effect gaue thair aithis conforme to the tennour of the said act at Cowpar, according to thair knawlege and conscience to do the samyn, and hes appointit twa houris eftir none to conuene for ending thairof. In the menetye willis that the remanent commissioneris of burrowis conuenit be hering the comptis of the custumaris of this realme, to quhome thay giff full powar to that effect, as alsua to heir the comptis of Martene Dischingtoun sumtyme custumar of the burch of Pettinveme comptrollit be Thomas Kenzow, baillie, and comptrollar thairof, as wes assignit to thame *hinc inde* at this conuentioun to haue comperit to that effect, promising ferme and stabill etc.

Taxt Roll, in-
laik customis,
wynis.

The forme and maner of ane Taxt Roll set be the burrowis befor mentionat, quhat euerie burgh of this realme suld pay of euerie hundreth pundis of all taxationis to be imposit vpon thame induring ane zeir to cum alanerlie, of the Kingis Maiesties customes, vpon the inlaik thairof and threttie tunnis of wyne to be payit be thame zeirlie to his Hienes thairfore as followis:—

Edinburch, xxxviij li. ijs. viij d.	Peiblis, vj s.
Dundie, ix li. x s. viij d.	Abirbrothok, ij s. viij d.
Perthe, vij li. xij s.	Dunbar, x s.
Abirdene, vij li. iiij s.	Iedburgh, x s.
Air, l s. iiij d.	Wigtoun, iiij s.

Glasgow, liij s. iiij d.	Dunbartane, xvj s.
Sanctandrois, lvj s.	Kirkcudbrycht, x s.
Striveling, xxvj s. viij d.	Irving, xij s.
Dysert, iij li. iiij s.	Dumfermling, v s. iiij d.
Kirkcaldie, l s.	Innerkething, vj s.
Pettinveme, xl s.	Kingorne, xx s.
Craill, xxxij s.	Banff, xij s. iiij d.
Anstruder be eist the burne, xlvij s.	Forfair, xvj d.
Cowpar, xvj s.	Breichen, xij s.
Montrois, xl s.	Forres, iiij s.
Innernes, xxxvj s.	Ranfrow, ij s. viij d.
Elgyn, xxxij s.	Qubithorne, iij s.
Brunteland, xxx s.	Rothsay, v s.
Drumfreis, xxxij s.	Northbervik, xij d.
Lynlithgow, x s.	Lawder, xvj d.
Hadingtoun, xiiij s.	Narne, viij d.
Selkirk, iiij s.	Thayne, xvj d.
Lanerke, vs. iiij d.	Culane, iij s. iiij d.
	Ruthuglen, xvj d.
Summa of this Roll is j ^c . ij li., and this ij li. for ingathering thair of.	

The quhilk day, in presence of the commissioneris abouewrittin, com-
perit Daud Crawfurde, commissioner for Air, and protested thatt forsam-
mekill as at the last generall conuentioun of burrowis haldin att Cowper
it was concludit thatt gif new tak war tane of the customes thair suld be
ane taxtt roll sett be the burrowis for payment of the inlaik thair of and
thretty tunnis to be payitt zeirlie to [the] Kingis Grace thairfoir, for
making of the quhilk roll and taxtt thair was certan burrowis specialie
nominatt to thatt effect, of the quhilk the said burgh of Air was ane, as
burgh maist expertt of the burrowis trafficque in the west pairtis, as alsua
in the last conuentioun haldin at Dondy the said tovne was lykewyis
provyditt to the doun setting of the roll fairsaid, and now to the same
effect being specialie cum to this presentt conuentioun, protested in respect
of the alteratioun of the ordour concludit in baith the saidis former
conuentionis in placing of commissioneris of particular burghis, vnexpertt
of estaitt and trafficque of the burrowis in the west pairtis, and displacing

Protestatioun,
Air.

of the commissioner of Air foirsaid, quha offerit him selff rady befor the setting doun of the said Roll or performing thair of, thatt the setting thair of preceditt thairintill suld be null and of na effect, and that the said burgh be simpliciter exemit thairfra and of all executioun mycht follow thairupoun in respect of the premissis.

Commissioner
of Perth refusitt

The quhilk day, comperit Olipher Peiblis burges of Perth and producit ane commissioun direct frome the counsall thair of desyring him to be admittit as commissioner thairfore, quhilk they refusit to admit insafar as the samyn is onlie direct be the counsal of the said burch without consent of the provest and baillies of the samyn, quhairfore they fand the said burgh as of befor, nochtwithstanding the compeirance of the said Olipher and productioun of the said pretendit commissioun, to be wnlawit in the said sowme of tuentie pundis; quhairvnto the said Olipher dissassentit, and wpone the productioun of the said commissioun and thair refusall of the admissioun thair of askit instrumentis, and thairefter ressaut the same wp again with thair ansuer thairto on the bak of the samyn.

Cowpar, Dysert
sartis commissi-
oneris.

The samyn day, findis that the burghis of Cowpar and Dysert, nochtwithstanding the productioun be thair commissioneris of thair commissiounis, that the acceptatioun thair of sall nocht preiuge the haill burrowis of the saidis twa particular burghis vnlawis, incas the commissioneris thair of pleis to remane and keip this present conventioun; and siclyk toward Forfair.

Primo Nouembris, 1587.

Certane com-
missioneris of
burrowis com-
missionis re-
ceavitt butt
preiudice of
thair vnlawis.

The quhilk day, compeirit Iames Guthrie commissioner for the burgh of Elgyn, Williame Norvell commissioner for the burgh of Striveling, Iohne Merschell commissioner for the burgh of Drumfreis, David Watsone commissioner for the citie of Sanctandrois, William Bowsie commissioner for the burch of Craill, and Alexander Forbes commissioner of the burgh of Abirdene, with the commissioneris of thair burghis respectiue foirsaidis, quhilkis the remanent commissioneris of burrowis ordanes to be ressaut, but preiudice of the vnlawis incurrit be thame for thair nocht compeirance the first day to this present conuentioun.

Secundo Nouembris, 1587.

The quhilk day, the maist pairt of the burrowis presentlie convenit, efter lang ressoning vpoun ane ansuer to be gewin to the propositioun and desyir of the richt honorabill the Justice Clerk and Sir Robert Meluill direct frome the Kingis Maiestie, for lending to his Hienes of ane certane sowme of money for furnisment and outtredding of ane new Imbassadour to Denmark, in respect they came nocht instructit nor had commissioun of thair burrowis to that effect, disassentit thairto.

Ansuer pro-
positioun
Justice Clark,
Sir Robert
Meluill.

The quhilk day, because the haill number of the burrowis presentlie convenit ar chairget to pass down to the Kingis Maiestie for gewing of thair particular ansueris toward the propositioun of the saidis Justice Clerk and Sir Robert Meluill, Findis that induring thair absence that ane of the commissioneris of the burch of Edinburgh, Striveling, Glasqow, Air, Sanctandrois, togidder with William Makartnay, agent, and Andro Mekle, seruand to the generall collectour, sall convene in the Nethir Counsalhous of this burch be xj houris befor none and remane quhill ewin thairin vpone the hering of sic custumaris comptis as ar heir presentlie to mak the samyn, Quha, according to thair directioun, hard the comptis of Striveling, Air, Sanctandrois, Dysert, Pettinveme, and Dundie.

Ansuer to the
propositioun
Justice Clark
Sir Robert
Meluill and
certan burrowis
to heir comptis.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis having woittit quhiddir of the sowmes of fywe thowsand, sex thowsand markis, or fywe thowsand pundis suld be grantit to be lent to the Kingis Majestie for furnisment of his said Imbassadour to Denmark, the haill grantis to the lending of sex thowsand markis to that effect, vpone sic securitie as salbe devysit, nawyis exceding the same; and heirto, or to the lending of ony vther sowmes of money, Hew Broun commissioner for the burch of Air, disassented.

Granting to len
the King vj^m
markis.

The samyn day, Alexander Young, familiar seruand to the Kingis Majestie, presentit ane writing sent be Maister James Meluill, minister at Pettinveme, desyring thairby that Mertyne Dischingtoun and Thomas Kenzow, induellaris thair, be thair aduises vpone sic differences as wes betwix thame suld be reconseillit; quha to that effect willit the commissioneris of the burrowis of Kirkcaldy, Sanctandrowis, Craill, and Brunteland, to confer with the saidis parties, and thair myndis thairanent the morne to report.

Kingzow, Dis-
chingtoun.

Tertio Nouembris 1587.

Kingzow, Dis-
chingtoun.

THE quhilk day, the saidis Mertene Dischingtoun and Thomas Kenzow submittit thame voluntarlie of thair awin consentis to the decisioun of the burrowis foirsaidis anent sic differences as hes resultit vpone the making and comptrolment of the said Mertenis comptis and vtherwayis ; and the saidis hail burrowis siclyk remittit for thair pairtis thair actioun thairin to the decisioun and conclusioun of the saidis burrowis nominat to that effect, promising ferme and stabill, etc.

Consenting to
len iijm li to
the King for
outred of ane
embassadour
to Denmark.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis for the gude zeill and affection they beir to the Kingis Maiestie and furthsetting of his Hienes effairis, and houpping thair requeist for relieff of the nychtbowris of Sanct Iohnestoun furth of waird, as alsua that the commoun weillfair previlegis and liberties of burrowis salbe the rather be his Hienes mantenit, aggries to the lenning of four thowsand pundis to his Grace for furnisment of ane Imbassadour to Denmark, nawyis exceding the foure, and for making to his Hienes of ane offer thairof, gewis full power and commissioun to the prouest of the burch of Edinburgh, the commissioneris of the burrowis of Striveling, Air, and Lynlythqw, and quhat thay do thairanent promissis to hald ferme and stabill, etc.

Enrolling An-
struther be eist
the burn in ane
frie burgh.

The samyn day, compeirit William Blak commissioner for the towne of Anstruder be eist the burne, and desyrit the same,—according to the erection thairof in ane frie burgh regall vnder the Kingis Maiesties Greit Seill, and approbatioun maid thairanent be his Hienes and thrie Estaittis of this realme in the twa last parliamentis haldin at Lynlythqw and Edinburgh respectiue,—that the samyn, conforme to the tennour of the saidis erection and actis of parliament, suld be inrollit amangis the remanent frie burrowis of this realme, to beir sic portabill chairges with thame in all tyme cuming as to thair habilitie and powar thay mycht, as at lenthe is contenit in thair supplicatioun gewin in thairanent, Quhairwith the saidis commissioneris being ryplie auisit, the commoun weillfair of thair estait weill foirsene, and the richtis foirsaidis of the said toun of Anstruder deulie and exactlie considerit, all in ane voce (the toun of Craill onlie except) ordanes the said toun of Anstruder to be inrollit be thair clerk

amangis the remanent of thair number of frie burrowis conforme to the erectioun thair of and actis of parliament proceeding thairupone, lyk as thay causit him inroll the samyn, vpone the conditionis mentionat in the said burghis supplicatioun, and prouyding that, incais the said burch of Craill prevaill aganes thame in the actioun of thair liberties depending befor the Lordis of oure Souerane Lordis Sessioun, that this thair enrolment be null, now as than and than as now, quhairvpone the said William Blak commissioner for the said burch of Anstruder askit instrumentis. And the said William Bowsie, commissioner for the said burch of Craill, protestit that this the said toun of Anstruder is inrolling amangis the remanent frie burrowis suld nawyis preiuge the said townis actionis depending befor the Lordis agane thame, nor thair liberties questionabill thairanent.

Protestatio
Craill.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis efter lang resonyng vpoun the ansuer geving to thatt heid of the missive direct to thame concerning the rembursing to the burgh of Edinburgh off twa thousand merkis aduancit be the magistratis of the said burgh for outredding of Androw Lambis schip in Leith to the transporting of the vinquhill Lord Seytoun as embassadour to the Kingis Maiestie to the pairtis of France, as is at lenth contenit in the actis maid thairanent, the haill disassentis to the agane paying thair of, in respect of thatt clause of the principall act bering quhow sone the said vinquhill Lord obtenit the customes of France than extraordinarily vplifted of the haill merchantis resorting thairto dischargitt, and ane discharge delyuerit to thame thairvpoun, he suld haif in thatt cais had the said sovme and na vtherwyis; and in respect the said discharge was nocht reportitt nor obtenit, and sua thatt clause of the said act nawyis fulfillit, they culd nocht as is aboue expremitt consent to the rembursing of the said sovme to the said burgh of Edinburgh as said is.

Ansuer bur-
rowis to the
commission-
eris of Edin-
burgh, Lord
Setounis ijm
markis.

The samyn day, etc., disassentis to the rembursing to the said burgh of twa thowsand pundis aduancit be the magistratis thair of to the outred of the last embassadour to Denmark, and thatt becaus they knew na thing thair of naither gaif thair consentis thairto.

Ansuer to
Edinburgh ijm
li., embassadour
to Denmark,
etc.

The samyn day, vnderstanding the sovme of ane thowsand pundis aduancitt be the magistratis of the burgh of Edinburgh in thair names to my Lord Comptroller the tyme of the last taking of the Kingis Maiesties customes of this realme to thair behufe, as zitt nocht to be agane payitt

Interes Comp-
trolleris, ijm li.

to thame, quhairby the interes to be payitt thairfoir rynniss onsatefeitt alsweill be payment of the principall as interes, etc., consentis to the continwance of the said interes, and thatt the samyn in the extent to be raisitt of the haille burrowis vpon the inlaik of the saidis customes and payment of thretty tunniss wyne be includitt and adionit thairto.

Commission to
certain burrow-
is to alter the
taxtt^l rollis.

The samyn day, etc., respecting the greitt lois sustenit be the burghis decrest in substance be the nocht altering of thair generall taxtt roll sen the last alteratioun and tyme prescryuet thairto att the burgh of Air, as the same and actis maid thairanentt proportis, and thatt be commoun consent att the last generall assemblee of burrowis att Dondy in Iulij last the samyn was continewitt to this presentt generall assembly for remeid thairto; And to the alteratioun of the said generall taxtt roll hes electitt and nominatt the commissioner of the burgh of Edinburgh, viz. Henry Charteris, for Dondy William Duncan, for Abirdene Alexander Forbes, for Air David Crawford, for Glasqu Robertt [Rowat,] for Dunfreis Iohn Merschell, for Hadingtoun Iohn Wilky, for Cowpar Iames Peterson, and for Kirkcaldy Robertt Hay; Quhillkis personis commissioneris fairsaids accepted in and vpoun thame the alteratioun and reformatioun of the said taxtt rollis maid att Air as said is, and hes maid faith lelelie and trewlie to alter and reforme the samyn butt feid or favour conforme to thair knowlege and consciences. And efter lang resoning thairupoun, the habilitie and presentt inhabilitie of the saidis burrowis dewlie and diligently considerit, having as said is God and gude conscience befor [ee], and nathar feid nor favour respectitt, altogether, butt discrepance or diuision, hes reformit and reformis the said taxtt roll, as the roll particular efter writtin vpoun ilk burgh in speciall of the sovrne of ane hundreth pundis to be tane and collected of the haille burrowis proportis; and this reformatioun to stand and continew for the space of thre zeris nixt heirefter following, and ay and quhill the samyn be of new reformit be generall consent as said is, be sic commissioneris as salhappin to be appoyntitt to thatt effectt, vpoun lawfull premonition to be maid to the haille burrowis thairanentt. And the saidis commissioneris, reformaris and alteraris of the said taxtt rollis, be commoun consent of the remanent commissioneris of burrowis presentlie conuenit, for collectioun of ilk hundreth li. of the taxtt roll fairsaid hes assignit and assignis the sovrne

of thre li. twa penneis ; and quhatsumever taxatioun salbe heirefter, in-
during the space aboue expremitt, lifted or ordanit to be collected of the
haill burrowis of this realme, the samyn to be stented be the magistratis
of the said burgh of Edinburgh presentt and to cum conforme to the said
roll presentlie reformitt, and na vtherwyis ; and thatt oure Soueraene
Lordis letteris of horning be direct vpoun the said new taxtt roll as was
euer at ony tyme heirtfoir vpoun the auld taxtt rollis.

Followis the maner and forme of the alteratioun of the Generall Taxtt
Roll of burrowis alteritt and reformit at the burgh of Edinburgh the
day abouewrittin be the commissioneris of burrowis appoynted
thairto, and of the sovme of ane hundreth pundis to be collected of
the haill burrowis of this realme, etc.

The generall Taxt Roll of an hundreth li. :

Edinburgh with Kingorn and	18. Selkirk, xij s.	Alteratioun taxt roll, last att Air.
Innerkething, xxix li. xv s.	19. Peibles, xvj s.	
quharof Innerkething sax	20. Hadingtoun, xxxviij s.	
schillingis, and Kingorn four-	21. Northbervik, v s.	
tene schillings.	22. Dumbar, x s.	
4. Striveling, xls.	23. Lawder, vj s. viij d.	
5. Linlithqu, xx s.	24. Dunfreis, xxxv s.	
6. Rothesay, viij s.	25. Abirdene, ix li. iij s. iij d.	
7. Dumbarton, xx s.	26. Dondie, x li. xv s.	
8. Renfrow, xvij s.	27. Perth, vj li.	
9. Ruthuglen, vj s. viij d.	28. Banff, xij s.	
10. Air, xliij s. iij d.	29. Dumfermling, xvj s.	
11. Irrowyne, xxij s.	30. Craill, xx s.	
12. Glasqu, iij li. v s.	31. Forfar, ix s.	
13. Kirkcudbrycht, xx s.	32. Breichen, xxviij s.	
14. Wigtoun, xx s.	33. Montrois, xxxviij s.	
15. Quhithorn, x s.	34. Elgene, xxviij s.	
16. Laneark, xvij s.	35. Innernes, xxx s.	
17. Iedburgh, xxiiij s.	36. Abirbrothok, xx s.	

Protestatio,
Air, rollis, in-
laik customes,
Bruntiland, &c.

37. Sanctandros, iij li. xs. iij d.

38. Cowpar, xxxij s.

39. Culane, vj s. x d.

40. Forres, x s.

41. Narne, v s.

42. Thayne, x s.

43. Dysartt, ls.

44. Kirkcaldy, xxvj s.

45. Pettinweme, xxiiij s.

46. Bruntiland, xij s.

47. Anstruther be eist
the burn xl s.

Summa totalis jc iij li. ij d.

and this iij li. ij d. for ingathering
of the rest, etc.

The same day, Daudid Craufurde
commissioner for Air disassented to
the setting of the roll of the inlaik
of the customes, becaus thay, being
nominat at Cowpar to be ane of the
alteraris thairrof, haifing offerit him to
thatt effectt, was refusit, and befor
the ending thairrof protested for re-
meid; lykeas, Maister Andrew Wil-
soun for Bruntiland disassented lyk-
wyis thairto, becaus the samyn re-
sulted sen the enrolling of the said
burgh in an frie burgh, etc.

Erectioun of
ane kirk and
minister in
Campfer, and
ordour thair-
anent remittit
to certan bur-
rowis.

The samyn day, anentt the continwatioun to this presentt conuentioun
of ane ansuir to the desyir of certan merchantis of this realme, traffic-
quaris in the pairtis of Flanders, for erectioun of ane Scottis kirk in the
tovne of Campfer in Zeland, and appoynting of ane minister to serue
thairin, the saidis commissioneris, as was concluditt of befor att the last
generall assemble of burrowis haldin at Dondy in Iulij last, as zitt con-
discendis and concludis to the erectioun of the said Scottis kirk in Camp-
fer and appoynting of ane minister thairto, and thatt his intertinement
and sustenyng salbe vplifted zeirlye of the reddiest of the excyse of beir
and wyne granted be the said tovne of Campfer to the Scottis natioun
the tyme of the estaiblesching of the staipill thairin, sua thatt the samyn
salbe exchangitt fra the vse quhairto the samyn was and is presentlie
applyitt to the vse aboue expremitt, and quhatt superplus or excrescence
beis thairrof, the samyn to be furthcumand and return to the generall vse
of the estaitt of burrowis; committing heirby full power and commis-
sioun for thame selues and remanentt hail burrowis of this realme to the
burrowis of Edinburgh, Dondie, Perth, and Striveling, to preserveye ane
maner forme and ordour of doing and performing thairrof, and quhatsum-
ever thairanent itt salhappin thame to do, promesis to allow and ferme
and staibill to hald, etc.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis vnderstanding thame selues and thair burrowis in tymes bypast induring thair tak of the Kingis Maiesties customes to have bene gretumlie preiugitt be the customeris thair of in nocht being sua dewlie and narowlie comptrollet of thair comptis as neid requyritt, sua thatt greitt lois and inlaik hes ensewit thairby, for remeid quhair of, findis gude thatt zeir lie in tymes cuming induring thair present tak of the saidis customes the provest baillies and counsall of burrowis quhairas the saidis customeris hes thair residence, and vpliftis the customes quarterlie or ofter as they sall be chargitt or requyritt be thame be auditouris thairto, to quhome they salbe haldin to ansuer and mak compte quarterlie or ofter as said is vnder the payne of deprivation of thair offices; and for the mair sure comptrolment of the saidis customeris of thair comptis, ordanis the saidis provest and baillies and counsall to elect and nominatt ane sufficient deligent and qualefeitt comptroller quha sall at all tymes attend with the customer in euery burgh quhen and quhow oft occasioun sall requyre, for quhome they salbe haldin to ansuer to the saidis burrowis for dew executioun of his office; As alsua thatt the act maid att the last generall assembly att Air be obseruitt be the saidis customeris in maner and forme as the samyn is sett down conforme to the tennour thair of in all poyntis. And becaus the tyme of the saidis customeris offices is expyritt vpoun the first of October last, thairfor, and for the better obseruance of thair ordour in electioun, hes electitt and nominatt in all the burrowis customeris to serue thairin, quha for dew executioun of thair offices salbe haldin, samony as hes nocht alrady gevin thair aythis, to geve the samyn to the provest and baillies of thair burrowis thatt they sall diligently collect and ingather the saidis customes, mak compte rekning and paymentt to the personis appoynted to resave the samyn quhen and quhow oft they be requyritt be thame to thatt effectt; and the tyme of thair office to endure for the space of ane zeir fra the first of October last, as said is alanerlie, viz., Robert Gourlay customer of Edinburgh continewit in his office of customary to the first of October nixt in anno 1588; Dondy, Maister Ihonn Lovell of befor customer remittit to be continewit or ane vther placitt in his rovme at the will of the provest baillies and counsall of the said burgh, and gif itt pleis thame to have him displacit and ane vther placit in his rovme, ordanis the custome seill to be delyueritt be the

Placing of customeris.

said Maister Ihonn to sic as salbe placit, and incais he refuse to delyuer the same thatt letteris be raisitt and execute aganis him conforme to the tennour of thair tak ; Montrois, Robert Lichtoun continewit in his office of customary for the space abouewrittin ; Innernes, the customeris comptes thairof being hard he to be displacit ; Banff, the customer thairoff dischargitt ; Perth, Oliver Kar placit in customer quha gaif his aith, etc. ; Abirbrothok, Daud Peirsoun customer of auld continewit for ane zeir to cum ; Sanctandrois, Daud Watsoun customer of auld of new electitt to the office thairof to the first of October nixtt, quha efter the geving of his aith for dew executing of his office accepted in and vpoun him the samyn, with prouisioun he suld nocht att the making of his generall compte be subiect to cum thairwith himselff to Edinburgh, bott the sending thairof dewlie subscryuit be the baillies and counsall of the said burgh and himselff to be als valuabill as he had comperit and producit the same in proper persoun, incais his laisure may nocht serue to thatt effect ; Craill, Ihonn Symson of new elected in customer thairto ; Anstruther, Williame Symson, quhais aith they ordane the baillies and counsall thairof to resave, and him in the said office, vpoun the conditionis abouementionatt, to admitt vnto the first of October nixtt ; Pettinweme, Thomas Kingzow admitted in customer thairto for the space and vpoun the conditionis fairsaidis, vnto the watter of Levin, quha gaif his aith for dew administratioun thairof, and ordanis Alexander Mertyne customer the last zeir to delyuer to him the custome seill, and incais of refusall to rais and execute letteris of horning in dew forme as efferis, etc. ; Cowpar, remitis the chesing and placing of ane customer thairin to the provest baillies and counsall thairof, provyding the Lyon Herald be nocht admittit thairto in respect of his slaknes in compte and payment making the tyme he bruikit the office thairoff, quhome they ordane conforme to delyuer to the saidis magistratis the custome seill to be of new delyueritt to sic as salbe promouit in the said office be thame, and vpoun refusall letteris as said is to rais and caus execute ; Dysartt, Walter Scott of new electitt for the space and vpoun the conditionis fairsaidis, quha, efter the acceptatioun thairof, gaif his aith for dew executing of his office, etc. ; Kirkcaldy, Ihonn Hacquett continewit in his office for the space and vpoun the conditionis aboue rehersitt, quhais aith they ordane the magistratis of the said burgh to resave, and ane sufficient

comptroller with him to place ; Kingorn, the electioun and admissioun of ane customer thairto for the space and vpoun the saidis conditionis remittit to the baillies and counsall thairof, etc. ; Bruntiland, remittis the electioun and admissioun of ane customer vnto the first of October nixt thairto vpoun the conditionis foirsaidis, provyding they admitt nane thairin bott sic as salbe comburges thairof, and haif his actuall residence thairin, and bering all portabill chargis with the remanent comburgessis of the samyn, discharging all vtheris of ony forther exercing of the said office within the boundis prescryuit thairto, and ordanis the last customer thairof to delyuer to the saidis provest and baillies his custome seill, to the effect they may delyuer the samyn to sic as salhappin thame to place of new, and incais of refusall ordanis thame to rais and caus execute letteris of horning conforme to the tennour of thair tak of the saidis customes ; Innerkething, the electioun and admissioun of ane customer thairin remittit to the baillies and counsall thairof vpoun the conditionis and induring the space aboue expremitt ; Culros, George Bruce customer of auld of new electitt vnto the first of October nixt in customer thairto, provyding quarterlie, and after as he salbe chargitt be baillies and counsall of the burgh of Innerkething, he mak compte of his intronissoun with the customes thairof, and the baillies and counsall of the said burgh to place ane comptroller for quhais dew executioun of his office they salbe haldin att the nixt generall assembleie to be ansuerabill for, etc. ; Striveling, William Norowell of new elected in customer thairto, quha, efter he gaif his aith for dew vsing the office thairof, accepted in and vpoun him the samyn ; Dumbartan, Walter Watsoun of new admittit in the office of customar thairto to the first of October nixt in anno 1588, quhais aith they ordane the provest and baillies of the said burgh to resave for dew executing of his office, and thatt he sall four tymes in the zeir mak compte and rekning to the saidis provest and baillies, and after as he salbe requyritt be thame, and they to place ane comptroller for quhome they salbe haldin to be ansuerabill vpoun dew executing of his office to the burrowis ; Air, David Crawford of new electitt in customer thairto for the space and vpoun the conditionis, quha, efter the geving of his ayth for dew vsing of the office thairof, acceptit in and vpoun the samyn for the said space ; Irrowyne, the electioun and admissioun of ane customer thairto remittit to the provest baillies and counsall thairof, etc. ;

Dunfreis, the electioun and admissioun of ane customer thairto remittit to the provest baillies and counsall thair of, discharging all vther customeris of ony forther exercising of the said office, quhome they ordane to delyuer to the saidis provest baillies and counsall his custome seill, to be gevin of new to sic as it salhappin thame to place vnto the first of October nixt thairin, and incais of refusall letteris of horning aganis him to caus rais and execute, etc. ; Dumbar, Robert Lawder continewit in the office of customary thairto, vnto the first of October nixtt, within the boundis contenit in the gift of his first admissioun, and becaus he is nochtt obeyitt thairin ordanis him to cause rais and execute letteris of horning aganis the refusaris to pay thair customes, and the expenssis to be debursit be him thairon salbe allowit to him in his comptis, and the saidis baillies and counsall of the said burgh to resave his aith of new for dew executing of his office, and that he sall four tymes in the zeir, and ofter as he salbe requyrit be thame, mak compte and rekning to thame of his intromission thairwith, and for obseruance of all vther conditionis prescryuit to him at his first admissioun in the office thair of ; Linlithqu, Patrik Sellar customer of auld continewit in his office thair of vnto the said first of October nixt vpoun the conditionis befor rehersit, quhais aith at the new acceptatioun of his office ordanis the provest baillies and counsall of the said burgh to resave in dew forme as efferis, etc. ; Achesonshawin, Mark Acheson customer of auld continewit vnto the first of October nixt in the office thair of, to quhome they ordane the provest and baillies of Edinburgh to adione ane comptroller, his and the said comptrolleris aithis for dew executioun of thair offices to resave, and for making of his comptis to thame four tymes in the zeir to the saidis provest baillies and counsall, and ofter as he salbe requyritt thairto be thame, etc. ; Hadingtoun, Ihon Carkettill continewit vnto the first of October nixt in the office of customary thairto vpoun the conditionis abouementionat, quha acceptit in and vpoun him the samyn ; Wigtoun, the electioun and admissioun of ane customer thairin remittit to the provest baillies and counsall thair of etc. ; Quhit-horn, the electioun and admissioun of ane customer thairin remittit to the provest baillies and counsall thair of, etc.

Convention of Royal Burghs.

Quarto Novembris 1587.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris foirsaidis ratefeis and appreis the act maid at Edinburgh vpoun the fourtt of August j^m v^c four scoir saxzeris anentis the vplifting of the impoist mentionatt of all gudes transportitt furth of this realme, for the making of my Lord Conseruatour and Ihonn Gourlayis expenssis to Ingland and Flanderis for seking of redress of the enormities committit be the subiectis of the saidis cuntries aganis the merchant estaitt of this realme passing throw the narrow seas, Quhairvnto the commissioneris of the burrowis of Air, Irrowyne, Dumbartan, Bruntiland, and Anstruther disassented, becaus thay war nocht at the conclusioun and setting down thair of, naither was the samyn concludit in ane generall assemblee of burrowis; and becaus the collectioun of the said impoist hes bene negligentlie omittit in dyueris and sindry burrowis of this realme, quhairby the samyn will nocht extend to sa greitt ane sovme as the sovme of ane thowsand pundis and interes thair of will extend vnto, quilk it behovis the magistratis of the burgh of Edinburgh to sustene as souerties for the saidis burrowis to sic as the samyn was borrowit the tyme abouewritin, Thairfoir hes concluditt and agreitt to the continuatioun of the vplifting of the said impoist in manner as is sett down on the said actt vnto the nixtt generall assembly of burrowis, and thatt to thatt effect euery commissioner presentt aduerteis the magistratis of thair burrowis to [see] the samyn dewlie collectitt, and sic as hes nocht comperitt be thair commissioneris to this presentt conuention, quhairas the said dewtie suld be vplifted, to be aduerteist be the agentt, or Androw Mekill seruitour to the generall collectour, to the effect thatt in all pairtis quhairatt the said dewtie is ordanit to be vplifted the magistratis thair of may to thair said nixt generall assembly send thair commissioneris fullie instructed with the vplifteris and collectouris of the dewtie foirsaid to mak than iust compte rekning and payment thair of, as alsua of the dewtie of auld ordanit inlykemaner vplifted in the pairtis and in maner foirsaidis for making of Henry Nesbetis expenssis to Flanderis, and thatt the magistratis of the burgh quhairin it salbe appoynted the said nixt generall assembly to be haldin remember this presentt act in

Continuatioun
vplifting im-
poist for mak-
ing of the Con-
seruatour and
Ihonn Gour-
layis expenssis.

the missues particularlie to be direct to the haill burrowis of this realme for obseruing and keping thair of.

Continuatioun
ansuer Fouller-
tounis xij^e .
markis to the
nixt generall
assemblee.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis continewis thair ansuer geving to the petitioun of the magistratis of the burgh of Edinburgh, craving rembursement of the sovme of tuelf hundreth merkis aduancitt to Adame Foullertoun, vnto thair nixtt generall assemblee of burrowis, and the samyn to be rememberitt in the missiues to be direct for keping thair of.

Ansuer burro-
wis to the coun-
sall of Edin-
burgh for ij^m
markis and ij^m
ii.

The samyn day, Williame Fairlie baillie of Edinburgh and Thomas Aikinheid of the counsall thair of being direct thairfra to the commissioneris presentlie conuenit to sute of thame ansuer for rembursement of the twa thowsand markis debursitt be the saidis magistratis to the outred of ane schip with the vmquhill Lord Seytoun to France, as alsua of twa thowsand pundis sensyne debursitt be thame to the outred of the last embassadour to Denmark,—as of befor the saidis commissioneris adheris to the ansuer gevin zisterday to the commissioneris of the said burgh thairanentt.

Guthre gener-
all clarkis ex-
penssis to be
payitt for kep-
ing of generall
conventionis
bypast and
Edinburgh,
Perth, and
Dondy to vplift
the vnlawis,
and pay him
the same.

The samyn day, vnderstanding Ihonn Guthre, thair generall clark, sen the admissioun of him in the office thair of, to haif kept all thair generall assemblee of burrowis butt ony making be thame of his expenssis thairatt, quhairto they ar be his said actt of admissioun subiect to the paying thair of, fyndis him thairfor to be payitt of the sovme of thre scoir pundis money of this realme for his keping of the saidis generall conuentioun, sen his said admissioun vnto this presentt generall assemblee exclusive, and ordanis the magistratis of the burrowis of Edinburgh, Dondy, and Perth to mak him dewlie and in dew tyme paymentt thair of off the first and rediest of the vnlawis of the absentis att the last generall conuentioun at Dondy, and this presentt conuentioun, and to thatt effect to sie the samyn vplifted but delay or fauouris vnder the payne of paymentt thair of of thair awin expenssis, and that of the superplus of the samyn they report compte rekning and paymentt to thair said nixtt generall assembly of burrowis; and the commissioneris of the said burgh[s] of Edinburgh and Dondy accepted in and vpoun thame the samyn, and gif neid beis ordanis letteris and executorialis of horning vpoun ane simple charge of sax dayis wairning to pas heiryvpoun in forme as efferis.

The samyn day, vnderstanding Maister Alexander Wedderburn, clark of the burgh of Dondy, to be vnrecompansitt for his paynis and travellis tane in directing of missives to the burrowis of this realme for keping of the last generall assembleie haldin thairatt on Iuly last, and thatt thairfoir, according to thair act maid at thair last generall assembleie haldin at Cowper, the clark directar of the missives was ordanit to have payitt to him ane vnlaw of twenty [pundis] of the burrowis absentt thairfra, thairfoir, and in consideratioun thairof, and of his vther paynis tane in forming of dyueris vther wrytingis in thair effaires, hes assignit and assignis to him the vnlaw of Abirbrothok, ordavit to be vplifted thairof in the conuentioun of Dondy foirsaid, and incais of thair refusall thairof the act maid thairanent at the said conuentioun to cause execute, and letteris thairupoun to cause rais but fauouris.

Vnlaw of Abirbrothok att Dondy to be payitt to the clark thairof.

The same day, efter lang resonyng vpoun thatt heid of the missive direct to thame concerning the debursment maid be the magistratis of the burgh of Dondy of the sovme of ane thowsand markis money of this realme for outredding of Alane Lentroun with his schip for staying of piratis in the pairtis mentionat in the indentour maid thairanentt, and the said burgh of Dondies craving together with the interes payitt thairfoir reimbursment thairof, all in ane voce agreis thatt ane extentt of alevin hundreth markis twenty markis be raisitt and vplifted of the haill burrowis of the samyn as for paymentt of the said principall sovme aduancitt and lentt be the said burgh as said is, including the entres to be payitt to the said burgh for the lane thairof vnto the feist of Witsonday nixtt thairintill, and gif the samyn beis nocht payitt betuix and the said feist of Witsonday to the said burgh thatt the interes to be payitt be thame zeirlie thairfoir continew and rin on, and the saidis burrowis astricted in payment of the samyn ay and quhill the said principall sovme be payitt as said is. And becaus they vnderstand the said Alane Lentroun to haif maid na compte of his proceedingis as be his indentour foirsaid he wes astricted thairto vnto the burrowis contractouris with him, thairfoir gevis full power and commissioun to Williame Makartney thair agent, vpoun thair expenssis, to persew the said Alane for performing of his pairtt to thame of the said indentour; and heirvpoun and vpoun the delyuerance of the said indentour to the said agent the said commissioner of Dondy askitt instrumentis, and to be extenttitt vpoun the haill bur-

Dondies jm markis payitt to Alane Lentroun.

rowis, and the sovme foirsaid to be ingatherit brocht in agane the feist of Witsonday nixt.

Elgyne exemitt
from conven-
tionis for thre
zeiris, and thair
presentt vnlaw
remittit, etc.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis vnderstanding be the supplicatioun producit befor thame be James Guthre commissioner for the burgh of Elgyne, in name of the provest baillies and counsall thair of, the greitt oppressioun committit be sindry lairdis and gentilmen circum-adiacent, doing thatt may ly in thame, by all ordour of iustice, violentlie to bereve thame of thair liberties and privilegeis and commounties mentionat thairintill, for suting of redress quhairof it behovis the said burgh to persew thame be ordour of iustice, and nocht having quhairvpoun to do the samyn in respect of thair greitt pouerty; Quhilk supplicatioun being dewlie and exactlie considderit with be the saidis commissioneris, hes thairfoir exemitt and exemis the said burgh fra keiping of ony maner of assemblies or conuentionis besouth the watter of Tey for the space of thre zeris nixtocum alanerlie, provyding the foirnamit burgh be thair commissioneris be astrictit to keip sic conuentionis as sall in the mene-tyme intervene and be haldin in any burgh be north the said watter of Tey, and be thair missive with the burgh ewest vndispensitt within induring this thair exemptioun send the same authoresing all and quhatsuneuer thingis beis entreittit att any conuentionis generall to be haldin be south the said watter of Tey as said is; and forther, for the respectis aboue specefeitt hes remittit and remittis to the said burgh thair vnlaw of tuenty li., incurrit be thame for nocht comperance and presenting of thair commissioun vpoun the first day of this conuention conforme to the actis maid thairanent, sua thatt heirby the said burgh of Elgyne esteme the granting heiroyf to be as supplementt for thair pairtis conforme to the commoun societie and actis of burrowis maid at Striveling thairanent.

Customeris
Caithnes dis-
chargitt.

The samyn day, finding the vplifting of ony customes in Caithnes, Sutherland, Stranaver, and boundis limitat to the customer sumtyme thair of to be vnproffitabill, and that be the nocht attendance compte rekning and paymentt thair of they haue bene sen thair tak of the Kingis Maiesties customes gretumlie preiugitt thairby, hes thairfoir, induring the tak of the samyn, dischargitt and dischargis all maner of customing thairatt, sua thatt the customing of the guidis in vse of befor to be customatt in the saidis pairtis sall now induring thair said tak be customatt at the

poirtis quhairto thairfra itt salhappin the samyn to arryve be the custom-
eris depute thairatt, quha salbe haldin to mak compte rekning and pay-
mentt thairfoir in maner and forme as thay ar astricted in thair actis of
admissioun, etc.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis gevis full power and com-
missioun to Alexander Forbes, commissioner for the burgh of Abirdene,
be the aduyce of the dene of gild thairof, to place in thair names as takis-
men of the Kingis Maiesties customes, and haifand be the tak thairof
powar to that effect, ane customer to vplift the customes quhairever the
samyn within the boundis prescryuit thairto hes bene in vse to be vplifted,
discharging all vtheris customeris of befoir of thair offices in that pairtt,
and with expres prouisioun thatt the provest now presentt nor his
deputtis be nawyis admitted in customeris thairto in respect of thair aige,
inhibitie, evill payment of thair intromissiouns, and nocht obedience of
the saidis burrowis takismen in tymes bypast; and for the mair sure
compte rekning and paymentt to be maid be the customer to be admitted,
hes found gude thatt efter his aith taikin and acceptatioun of his office he
sall sett down sure caution acted within the burgh of Edinburgh for
zeirlie and quarterlie compte rekning and paymentt of sic sovnes itt sal-
happin him to intromett with vplift and tak induring his office, quhilk is
alanerlie to indure vnto the first of October nixtt in anno 1588. And
forther gevis thair full power and commissioun to the saidis commissioner
and dene of gild of Abirdene, the custome seill of the said burgh frome
the customer presentt to resave, to be delyueritt to sic as it salhappin
thame to inputt or place in the said office of customery, to be keipitt be
him induring the tywe thairof aboue expremitt alanerlie, and incais of re-
fusall and nocht delyuerance efter dew requisitioun be the said commis-
sioner and dene of gild thairof, ordanis letters to be raisitt and execute but
fauouris aganis the refusar.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis in respect of thair number
gevis full power to Iohn Guthre to subscriue the comptes in thair names
of the generall collectour Robert Gourlay, *promittendo de rato*, etc.

The samyn day, etc., having dewlie considerit the complaynt gevin in
to thame be Iohn Wilky commissioner for Hadingtoun aganis Robertt
Gourlay customer of Edinburgh, ordanis the said Robertt to resave the
coquetis direct from the said burgh vpoun sic gudes as it salhappin thame

Commissioun
to Alexander
Forbes com-
missioner, and
the dene of gild
of Abirdene to
place custom-
eris thairin.

Guthre to sub-
scribe Gour-
layis comptis.

Hadingtoun,
Gourlay custo-
mer of Edin-
burgh.

heirefter to bring to Leith dewlie customed and pakkitt, sua that they be na farther troublitt be him as of befoir.

Diligence, Mr
George Hac-
quett conserua-
tour, and Ihonn
Gourlay

The quhilk day, Maister George Hacquett, conseruatour, for schawing of his diligence done be him in the effaires of burrowis, being direct be thame with Ihonn Gourlay in commissioun to the pairtes of Ingland and Flanderis, for seking of ane discharge of ane certan edict raisit be the Quene of Ingland and Estaitis of Flanderis for staying of Scotis schippis passing throw the pace to France and vtheris pairttis thair bezond, exhibitt and producit certan pecis and writtis exponing the contentis thair-of att lenth, quhairof thair is ane letter patent of the libertie obtenit to the merchantis of this realme frielie to pas thairthrow butt molestatioun or impediment. Quhilk expeditioun, negotiatioun, and diligence was thankfullie allowit and acceptit be the saidis burrowis, quha randeritt to him greitt thankis thairfoir. And thairefter in thair audience he proponit vnto thame in name of the magistratis of the toвне of Campfer the contentis of ane certan missive sentt vnto the magistratis of the burgh of Edinburgh, declaring the brek of the contract sett down be the burrowis of this realme and thair commissioneris in thair names agreing thairto, and the said toвне of Campfer, be transporting be dyueris and sindry merchantis of thair saidis burrowis of thair gudes to vtheris poirttis in Flanderis than the said toвне of Campfer, place destinatt as stapil to thame,—quhairof the saidis commissioneris being nawyis acknowlegit fand greitt faltt thairwith, and thairfoir for ratificatioun of the said contractt hes statute and ordanitt thatt thair said estapill in the pairtis of Flanderis suld be, according to the setting thairof, att the said toвне of Campfer be thair commissioneris fairsaidis as place appointed alanerlie thairto, and ordanis the samyn to remane and be kepitt thairatt ay and quhill it be vtherwyis concluditt and sett down be generall consentt of the haill burrowis of this realme. And to the effect thatt nane of thair nomber ather in generall or particular sall pretend ignorance heirof, ordanis the commissioneris presentt to intimet this presentt act to the magistratis and inhabitantis of thair particular burrowis, and thatt letteris of inhibitioun be obtenitt and direct to the haill nomber of the estaitt of burrowis, charging all traffecquaris within the pairtis of Flanderis to keip the said toвне of Campfer as place appointed for thair estapill, vnder the payne of ane hundreth pundis Scottis sa oft as they sall be found doing in the

Appreving of
the burrowis
estapill at
Campfer in
Flanderis.

contrair. And to mak the tennour of this presentt actt mair notour to the saidis magistratis of Campfer, ordanis Ihonn Guthre thair generall clark to subscriyve ane missive to be direct with diligence thairto in thair names, *promittendo de rato, etc.*

Sexto Nouembris, 1587.

The quhilk day, Robertt Hay, baillie and commissioner for the burgh of Kirkcaldy, protested thatt the said burgh suld nocht be astricted to pay ony extenis for their pairttis to be impositt vpoun the burrowis be the inlaik of the Kingis Maesties customes, quhensoever occasioun thair- of suld be offeritt, vtherwys than according to the last generall taxtt roll alterit att this burgh of Edinburgh, disassenting alluterlie to the sovme quhairto they are sett of euery hundreth pundis be the roll presentlie sett doun vpoun the inlaik of the saidis customes and wynis.

Protestation, commissioner Kirkcaldy contrair the roll of the inlaik of customes.

The samyn day, ordanis the letteris of horning purchessitt aganis the customeris wairnit to haif comperitt to mak compte rekning and paymentt of thair bygane intromissioun with the Kingis Maesties customes to this presentt conuention to be putt be thair generall collectour to dew executioun, viz., Innernes, Abirdene, Culros, Bruntiland, Irrowyne, Dunfreis, Kirkcudbrycht, Wigtoun, Quhithorn, Achesonshawin.

To denunce the customeris nocht comper- and to the horn, and vtheris hes nocht payitt thair customes

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis allowis to the auditouris of the comptes thatt ar to be gevin herefter be the customeris viz. to Abirdene fyvetene li., Dondy ten li., and to Perth ten li., zeirlie gif they convene particularly to that effectt; and gif it salhappin the burgh of Edinburgh to convene with thame in thair tovnis, to have the lyke allowance, provyding gif the saidis comptes salhappin to be maid in presence of the haill burrowis in their generall assembleie the saidis burrowis, Edinburgh, Perth, and Dondie, to haif na allowance thereatt; and thatt at sic tymes as itt salhappin thame to convene for hering of the saidis comptes thatt thair said allowance be deducit of the first end of the comptes of their saidis burrowis respectiue.

Auditouris cus- tomeris com- ptes fies etc.

The samyn day, after lang resoning vpoun the roll presentlie set doun vpoun the occasioun of the inlaik of the King's customes and wynis,— quhairas the samyn be the commissioneris appoynted thairto is ordanit

Roll inlaik cus- tomes to lest for ane zeir al- auerly.

to remane vnalterit during the tyme of thair tak of the customes, hes concluditt the samyn to indure for the space of ane zeir next herefter alanerlie.

Ordour of con-
vening.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris forsaidis hes statute and ordanitt thatt in all tymes cuming the burrowis nocht convenand the first day of thair generall assemblies, being lawfully citatt thereto, sall as of befor incur the payne and vnlaw of twenty li., with prouision that gif they compeir the second day and remane to the desoluing of the generall conuentioun and subscryve their generall buke, in that cais they sall alanerlie incur the vnlaw of ten li.

Vnlawing bur-
rowis desolu-
ing, butt leve.

The samyn day, vnlawis the burrowis of Lawder, Jedburgh, and Dysartt, euerilk ane of thame in ane vnlaw of twenty li. for their desoluing butt leve frome this presentt conuentioun and nocht subscryuing of the actis concluditt thairatt.

Kingornis
vnlaw remittit.

The samyn day, remitis vnto the burgh of Kingorn thair vnlaw of twenty li. incurrit be thame for thair nocht comperance the first day, in respect of the diuersitie than standand betuix the provest and comburgessis thair of, as alsua for the request of Ihonn Arnott, provest of Edinburgh, declaring the samyn to be of veritie.

Burrowis
vnlawitt in
half vnlaw.

The samyn day, the burrowis of Abirdene, Dunfreis, Craill, Sanctandros, Cowpar, ar adiugit in ane vnlaw of ten li. for thair nocht comperance to this presentt conuentioun vpoun the first day thair of.

Mackartnay,
agentt to rais
letteris vpoun
the burrowis
vnlawitt, etc.

The samyn day, ordanis William Makartney, agent, to direct letteris vpoun the haille burrowis vnlawit at the burgh of Dondy, and this presentt conuentioun, at the instance of the burrowis of Edinburgh, Dondy, and Perth, and for paymentt to be maid thair of to the generall collectour, and ordanis him to pay to Maister Alexander Guthre, clark of Edinburgh, twenty li. for his paynis in directing of the missives for keping be the burrowis of this generall conuentioun.

Kingzow,
Dischingtoun's
xx li.

The samyn day, assignis to Thomas Kingzow, baillie and customer of Pettinweme, the twenty li. quhairin Mertyne Dischingtoun is adiugit be the iugis arbitouris nominatt [be] the burrowis and thame, and this in full satisfaccioun of ane act maid to him be thame the tyme of the dependance of the comptrolment of thair comptis, and letteris to be raisit in name of the burrowis be the agentt, etc.

Northbervik.

The samyn day, the commissioneris of burrowis consentis thatt the

baillies and counsall of North Bervik sall intromett with samekill of the vnfriemennis [guidis ?] as may concern thair pairtt be ordour of law, for ane zeir to cum alanerlie.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis hes of new elected Robert Gourlaw in generall collectour to thame of the haill customes, ex-
 tentes and vnlawis of burrowis, for the space of ane zeir to cum and for-
 ther quhill he be dischargit be thame ; and assignis him zeirlie for his fie
 fourty li., but forther allowance, and to Androw Mekill his seruand,
 zeirlie for his laubouris, tuenty pundis ; and ordanis the provest or ane
 of the baillies of Edinburgh, together with thair generall agentt and collec-
 tour, Henry Charteris, or ony thrie or twa to heir the customers compte
 vnresaut ; to the quhilkis auditouris they gif thair full power etc., *pro-*
mittendo de rato, etc.

Electio, Gour
 lay collectour
 generall.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis hes modefeitt for ilk tun-
 nis price of the wyne furnesit to the Kingis Maiestie the zier bypast, to
 be payitt be the said generall collectour to the awneris thairof
 of the extent following at the ingetting thairof for ilk tun
 ourheid, better and war, seven scoir li., and thatt vpoun considdera-
 tioun to be had of the saidis prices be the counsall of Edinburgh con-
 forme to thair prices sett down thairanentt, and thair tikkett thairvpoun to
 be directitt to the said collectour ; and assignis to the burgh of Dondy,
 for paymentt of the wynis resaut frome thair merchantis, thair pairtt of
 the extentt to be sett vpoun thame, Abirdene, Montrois, and Abirbro-
 thok, and they to mak paymentt to thair nichtbouris *pro rata*, according
 to the said burgh of Dondies prices ; provyding, incais the pairtis of the
 saidis burrowis extentis exceid thair prices of the wynis awand to the
 said burgh and merchantis thairof, thatt they salbe comptable and
 ansuerable to the said collectour generall of the saidis extentis.

Modefeitt
 prices wynis.

The samyn [day], the commissioneris foirsaidis ordanis the burgh of
 Edinburgh to sett ane extentt of thre thousand sax hundreth pundis
 vpoun the haill burrowis of this realme for paymentt of the Kingis
 Maiesties wynis the zeir bypast, to be collectit of thame be thair said
 collectour generall with all diligence.

Setting extent
 iij^m vj^c li.,
 inlaik wynis.

The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris assignis to the burgh of
 Abirbrothok ane vnlaw of tuenty li. for supporting of thair kirk wark, to be
 payitt be the collectour of the saidis vnlawis at his next comptes thairof.

Twa vnlawis
 assignit to
 Abirbrothok
 and Innerketh-
 ing.

And siclyke assignis to the burgh of Innerkething ane vther vnlaw of tuenty li. quhairin the burgh of Dysartt is presentlie adiugit for desoluing fra this presentt conuention but leve, and for support of the said burgh of Innerkethingis deokayitt harbery.

Desoluing pre-
sentt conven-
tioun and ap-
pointing of ane
new in Glasqu.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis desoluis this thair conuention generall, and appoyntis the nixtt generall conuention to be haldin att the burgh of Glasqu the second day of Iuly nixttocum in anno 1588 zeris; and ordanis the commissioneris presentt of the said burgh to aduerteis the magistrates thair of to direct in dew tyme their missives to the haill burrowis of this realme for keping be thame be thair commissioneris fullie instructed of the said nextt conuention, with certification to thame and they failzie they salbe haldin to pay the vnlawis of the burrowis that beis nocht be thame lawfully wairnit thairto.

Ihone Ihonstoun

William Duncan

Dauid Watson

James Peterson

William Bowsy

H. Broun

George Durie

James Guthrie

Gawin Wilkin

Robert Olifeir

Eduard Galbraith

Walt. Cowane

Glasqu, Robert Rowat.

Ihonn Edzear be Ihonn Guthre
notar. Ihonn Hardrig for

Dumbartan etc

Alxr. Forbes

Robert Lychtoun

Ion. Bosuell

Mr Alexr. Kellie.

Ihone Wilkie

Ihone Halis

George Arott

Welliam Cunningham

Rot. Hay

Ihone Mairchell

Thomas Kingzow

An. Wilsouns, Brunt^d disassent-
and to the roll of the inlaik
customs

We the commissioneris of Ayr ratefeis the haill actis set doune in this present conuention, saive only the alteratioun of the roll tweiching the inlaik of customis and impost, to the quhilkis we disassent in respect of the heidis contenit and specifeit in oure protestationis.

George Cochrane

Dauid Craufurd.

In the Conventioun of Burrowis haldin at Edinburgh in the moneth of Februar 1587 zeris, vpoun the saxtt, sevint, auchtt, nynt, and ten, and xij dayis thairrof, comperit the Commissionaris of Burrowis vnderwritten : Edinburgh.

Edinburgh, Ihonn Arnott, provest, and Edward Galbraith ; Dondie, Alexander Scrymgeour, Ihonn Finlasoun ; Perth, Oliver Peiblis ; Abirdene, William Meinzeis ; Linlithqu, Charles Drummond, Androw Ker ; Glasqu, Robertt Boyde, Robert Chirnsyde ; Cowper, Thomas Williamsoun ; Sanctandrois Daudid Watsoun ; Anstruther, Alexander Blak.

Apud Edinburgh die viij^o mensis Februarij 1587.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris of burrowis vndersubscriyvand, efter lang resoning vpoun the contentis of ane missive presented to thame be the provest of the burgh of Edinburgh in name of the magistratis thair- of, and sentt to thame be the factouris in the toвне of Deip subscriyvand the samyn, quhairby itt was havelie menit thatt they as doaris for the estaitt of merchantis, together with sindrie of the said nomber being in the said toвне of Deip for the tyme, had bene and zit ar gretumlie trubblitt and persewitt alsweill in Rowan, the toвне of Deip, as Newhawin in France, for payment of sundry new impositis quhilkis are now of laitt risin and never of befoir war in vse to be payitt, and speciall ane crowne of the sone of the tun, ten solz of ilk hundreth frankis, for all strangeris geir sauld or trochitt thairatt, and thatt they ar nocht permittit to ressave their saidis merchandise, or zitt the schippis lattin to depairtt thairwith, befoir the samyn be payitt or otherwayis assured of paymentt, with ane declaratioun gevin of the haille gudes arryving to thatt effect ; quhilk being oursene and sufferit to have place lykeas sundry vtheris of greitt importance hes bene, and in speciall the xx solz of ilk d^r of hydes, sax frankis of ilk polk of woll, fyve solz for ilk hundreth skynniss, fyvetene solz for ilk quhyte wob, and fourty fyve solz for ilk hundreth cairsy,

Directioun to
France remeid
new impositis.

by and attour sindry vther impoistis payitt in Rowan, Deip, and dyueris pairtis of Bretagne and vtheris pairttis in France, sall redound to the greitt hurtt of the said estaitt of merchantis; and seing the samyn mycht haif bene remedit and ar altogether oursene, the vplifting thair- of being profitabill and of befor vnknawin is the occasioun of the greittar baldness in continewing daylie to seek ma, pretending schortlie to have ane solz forther of ilk frank of all fische, and this for laik of guid ordour and defens in dew tyme; to the vplifting quhairof, the saidis factouris at the request of sindrie merchantis as saidis, taking the burding on thame for the remanent merchantis of this realme, vncertain alwyis of the burrowis myndis thairin had to their poweris resisted, refusing to pay ony of the foirnamit laitt impoistis, appeilling to the Previe Counsall, quhill the samyn be decernit, and forther having send ane honest man express to oure Souerane Lordis embassadour to thatt effect, hes aduancett greit sovmes of money in persute thair of quhilk as zitt in thair opinionis behovis to continow quhill the saidis impoistis be obtenit dischargitt, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said missive sent and subscriuit be the saidis factouris, as the samyn of the daitt at Deip, the last of Nouember last, and presented to the magistratis of the said burgh of Edinburgh vpoun the tweltt day of Januar last, proportis. For suting of redres and discharge of the quhilkis new impoistis att the handis of the King of France and Previe Counsall thair of, it is be the saidis commissioneris of burrowis thochtt maist neidfull and expedientt thatt, with oure Souerane Lordis letteris of recommendatioun vnto his Hienes embassadour in France, my Lord Archbischof of Glasqu, thair weilbelouit Henry Nesbett merchantt and burges of Edinburgh, ofttymes of befor employitt in the lyke adois as maist skilfull and diligentt, be sentt in commissioun to the said embassadour to the effect abouewrittin; for quhais paynis and travell to be tane in awating thairupoun it is concludit statute and ordanit be the commissioneris of burrowis presentlie conuenit, thatt the dewties presentlie consented to be thame, and particularlie mentionatt in thair act of burrowis maid in the lyke cause at Edinburgh the aughtt day of Nouember 1582, sall, efter the expyring of the vplifting of the samyn, continow to be vplifted and tane in maner and forme as is contenit in the said act ay and quhill the sovme of money to be payitt to the said Henry for the caussis foirsaidis be rembursitt to the burgh of Edinburgh presentt souerity thairfoir. Quhilk Henry Nesbett

comperand personallie befor the saidis commissioneris, at thair and Thonn Arnott provest of the burgh of Edinburghis desyris, accepted in and vpoun [him] the said commissioun, and promitted faythfullie to accompleis his dewtie in the adois aboue expremitt for the space of sevin oulkis efter his arryvall to Pareis in France, or quhair it salhappin the said embassadour to be, and thatt for the sovme of fyve hundreth pundis to be payitt to him be the magistratis of the said burgh of Edinburgh betuix and the first day of August j^m v^c four scoir nyne zeris ; provyding incais he obtene haistear dispesche nor the tyme prescryvitt thatt he sall rebaitt proportionally of the sovme aboue writtin efferand to the tyme he salbe schortned thairin ; as alsua thatt efter the ische of the saidis sevin oulkis, incais the saidis adois beis nochtt exped, he may haif allowit to him all and quhatsumever his necessar expenssis and resonabill chargis, alsweill in habulzementis as vtherwyis it salhappin him to deburs during the space of his remaning, and forther as occasion sall serue, sua being the samyn exceid nochtt the sovme of ane thousand frankis ; Lykewyis incais be the said Henries laubour and sute he may nochtt in the said space of sevin oulkis cum speid in the causes foirsaidis, and that for the weillfair thairof itt be neidfull to him to mak langer residence in the pairtis foirsaidis, in thatt cais the commissioneris of the burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondy, and Abirdene obleisses thame to se the said Henry resonablie rewarditt for his paynis, to quhais discretioun in this behalf he submittis him selff. And becaus the magistratis of the said burgh of Edinburgh ar becumyn and becumis be thir presentis souerties and principall debtouris to the said Henry Nesbett for paymentt to him of the said sovme of fyve hundreth pundis att the day aboue expremitt, thairfoir for thair releif of the samyn in maner and forme as they are obleist to the said Henry, the commissioneris of the burgh of Perth, Dondie, and Abirdene, for thame selues and thair saidis burrowis, bindis and obleissis thame coniunctlie to relieve in maner efter following the said burgh of Edinburgh thairof, viz., the said burgh of Edinburgh acceptand in and vpoun thame of the said sovme principall of fyve hundreth pundis, four hundreth twenty five markis ; the saidis commissioneris of Dondie obleist for ane hundreth and thretty markis ; the commissioner of Perth for thre scoir fyve markis ; and the saidis commissioneris of Abirdene for ane hundreth and thretty markis,—and for forther proportionally incais vpon the said Henry remane ony langer nor the said space of seven oulkis vpoun prouision foirsaid.

And the remanent commissioneris of burrowis presentlie convenit, for thair saidis burrowis and in name and behalff of the haill remanent burrowis of this realme, becumis actit boundin and oblist to releve and keip skaythles the saidis burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondie, and Aberdene, of thair and the saidis haill burrowis pairtis of the said sowme at the said day of payment thair of; and ar content and consentis that letteris of horning and vtheris charges neidfull be obtenit and execute aganis the burrowis refuseand vpoun ane simple charge of thre dayis allanerlie to performe the premissis or ony poynt thair of. And in respect the necessitie of this case is as zit vnknawin to the maist pairt of the number of the saidis haill burrowis, quhairby without dew aduerteisment maid to thame of the samin, some contradiction may aryse, thairfoir the saidis commissioneris presentlie convenit hes ordanit the contentis off this present act and ordinance to be summarlie contenit in the missives to be direct be the magistrattis of Glasgow to the haill number of burrowis, and thai thairby aduerteist to send thair commissioneris to the said burgh to the next generale conventioun of burrowis to be haldin thairatt in Iulij next for fullie authoresing the setting down and concluding heiroy in all contentis of the samin.

Glasgow to remember in thair missives the burrowis to cum instructed to nominatt certan burrowis to conclude at all tymes necessar vpoun concluding, etc.

The samin day, ordanis the commissioneris of the burgh of Glasgow, presentlie convenit, to remember in the missives to be direct be the magistrattis thair off to the haill burrowis that thai send thair commissioneris fullie instructitt to condiscend to the doun-setting of ane act, that in all tymes cuming, in materis concerning the weillfair of thair estait, ane certane of thair number be nominatt and condiscendit vpoun to haue full power and autoritie in name of the saidis haill burrowis to conclude and fullie determine vpoun the samin quhensoeuer occasioun sall serue or thatt it salhappin ony of thair adoiss outwith generall conventionis to intervene, and that the saidis haill burrowis be oblist be the said act to be sett down, but contradiction, to abyde at and fulfill all and quhatsumevir actis lawis and constitutionis salbe be the said number to be appoyntit heirefter maid or condiscendit vnto, alsweill in setting of taxt, ordaning of impostis to be vpliftit, or otherwayis vpoun ony vther necessar occasiounis concerning the weillfair of thair estait.

Lettre of recommendation to factours in Deip.

The samin day, ordanis ane lettre of recommendatioun in thair and the haill remanent burrowis of this realme to be maid and sent with Henrie Nesbet to the Bischope of Glasgow, imbassadour for oure Souerane Lord

in France, contening thairin ane request to further and credeit the said Henrie in thair present adois, and to rander vnto his lordschip thairby hartlie thankis for his gudewill alreddy schawin in thair effairis heirtofoir. As alsua that ane wrytting in thair names be sent to the factouris in Deip, declairing thair commissioun gevin to the said Henrie Nesbet to tak ane vew of the comptis of the expenssis allegit debursit be thame in the burrowis effairis, and for thair panis imployit to rander thame thankis, with request to continew in thair gudewillis as thae wald wis thair fauouris to be extendit to thame at the nixt generale conventioun at Glasgow, vpoun the report to be maid be the said Henrie of the effect of thair saidis debursmentis and travellis tane.

The samin day, the commissioneris fairsaidis vnderstanding thame and the haill burrowis of this realme to be grittumlie indomageit be the extraordinar expenssis making vpoun letteris and executionis raisit and execute aganis the burrowis refusand to pay thair customes, extentis, impostis, and vnlawis; thairfoir that it be remember in the missives to be sent be the burch of Glasgow to thair haill number that the commissioneris to convene the nixt generale assembleie cum fullie instructit to the making of ane act, that the burrowis quhilkis heirefter sall gif occasioun to the making of ony expenssis in default of payment of the saidis customes, extentis, impostis, and vnlawis sall be haldin nocht onlie to re-found to the saidis burrowis the saidis expenssis, bot alsua ane vnlaw to be modifeit be the commissioneris of burrowis to convene at the said nixt generale conventioun at Glasgow.

Apud Edinburgh duodecimo die mensis Februarij 1587,

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris of burrowis vndersubscribeand, ordanis Iohne Guthre, clark, in thair and the remanent burrowis names of this realme to subscribe the missives to be sent to the Kingis Maesties embassadour in France and factouris in Deip, and instructionis gevin to Henrie Nesbet, thair commissioner to the saidis pairtis of France, and willis and ordanis that the said Henrie to tak with him to the saidis pairtis of France the haill writtis gevin be the Kingis of France in

favouris of the merchandis of Scotland anent thair privelegeis quhilkis a
now in his awin handis.

I. Arnote, commissioner for
Edinburgh.

Eduerd Galbraith commysseoner
for Edinburgh.

Oliuer Pebles commissenor of
Perth.

Alex^r Scrymgeour.

R. Chirnsyd commissioner for
Glasgw.

Robertt Boyd for Glasgw.

Wm. Menzeis for Abirdene.

Henry Nisbett.

*In the Conventioun and Generall Assemblie of Burrowis
haldin and begun at the burgh of Glasqu vpoun the
second day of Iulij the zeir of God I^m V^c four scoir
auchtt zeris, Comperitt the Commissionaris of Burrowis
vnderwritin, quha producit thair commissionis in maner
following, etc.,*

Glasqu.

EDINBURGH, Henry Nesbett, George Hereott, goldsmyth, and with thame
Roger Maknacht, and Williame Smaill, etc.; Kingorn, Androw Broun,
clark; Innerkething, George Dury; Striveling, Walter Cowan; Lin-
lithqu, Androw Kar, clark; Dumbartan, Peter Houstoun; Renfrow, Iohnn
Houstoun; Air, Williame Knox; Irrowyne, Hew Broun, clark, Thomas
Harvy; Glasqu, Iames Flemyng, Williame Cunynghame; Qubithorn,
Alexander Galbraith; Laneark, Robertt Levingstoun; Iedburgh, Thomas
Henrisoun; Peiblis, Alexander Williamesoun; Hadingtoun, Thomas
Spottiswod; Northbervik, be ane missive appreving, presented be Hading-
toun; Dumbar, Robertt Craig; Lawder, Williame Hoppringill; Dunfreis,
Roger Gordoun; Abirdene, Alexander Cullane; Dondie, Williame Dun-
can; Perth, Robertt Andersoun; Banff, be missive with Abirdene; Dum-
fermeling, Ihonn Boiswell; Craill, Ihonn Bowsy; Forfar, be missive
with Dondie; Elgyne, be missive with Abirdene; Abirbrothok, be missive

with Dondie ; Sanctandros, Daud Watsoun ; Cowpar, Iames Andersoun ; Culane, be missive with Abirdene ; Dysartt, Iames Hacquett ; Kirkcaldy, Alexander Dalzell ; Pettinweme, Thomas Kingzow ; Bruntiland, Maister Alexander Coustoun ; Anstruther be eist the burn, Ihonn Anstruther, clark ; Kirkcudbrycht, be missive presented be Robertt Hall thair ; Wigtoun, be ane commissioun presented be Ihonn Ahannay provest.

Apud Glasqu die secundo mensis Iulij 1588.

THE QUHILK DAY, in presence of the commissioneris abouewrittin, Ihonn Bowsy commissioner for the burgh of Craill protested thatt the enrolling and calling of Anstruther as ane frie burgh suld nawyse be preiudiciall to the said burgh anent thair liberties thair of nor actioun depending thairfor befor the Lordis of oure Souerane Lordis Sessioun in Edinburgh.

Protestatio
Craill, Anstru-
ther.

The samyn day, Iames Flemyng, principall in commissioun for the burgh of Glasqu, is elected in moderatour to the commissioneris conuenit induring the tyme of thair conuentioun, conforme to the actis maid thairanentt.

Flemyng, Mo-
deratour.

The same day, the commissioneris fairsaidis for dew conuening of thame daylie induring the said conuentioun, hes statute and ordanit thatt ilk day of preching they sall conuene in the Over Tolbuith of the said burgh be sax houris in the morning, and remane thairin to the gang- ing to of the said preching, and efter none to conuene be twa houris and sitt quhill sax houris, and ilk vther day induring thair said conuen- tioun to conuene at the said place appointed be auchtt houris in the morning and sitt quhill tuelff houris, and efter none, at twa houris and to remane quhill sax houris,—ilk commissioner nochtt conuenand at the saidis houris appointed daylie at the said place vnder the payne of sax schillingis auchtt penneis sa oft as they failzie ; ratefeand and appre- vand the act maid at the last generall assemble in Edinburgh in Nouember last in all poyntis, etc.

Ordour of con-
vening dailie
induring this
conuentioun,
etc.

The samyn day, efter resoning vpoun the first heid of the missive sent be the magistratis of the said burgh of Glasqu to the hail burrowis of this realme, willing thame to send thair commissioneris fullie instructed to the alteratioun of the generall roll maid at the last generall assemble

Altering rolls,
inlaik custo-
mes contine-
witt to the next
generall con-
uentioun.

in Edinburgh, of the inlaik of the customes and thretty tunnis to be payitt to the Kingis Maiestie for the sett and tak of the saidis customes, as at lenth is contenit in the same, Findis as of befor the samyn to remane vnalteritt in the same maner as it is sett down be the commissioneris chosen thairto vnto thair nixt generall assemblee and conuention of burrowis quhairever the samyn salbe appointed to be haldin, becaus the tyme ordanit thatt the samyn suld endure is nochtt to expyre quhill the last day of October nixt.

The commis-
sioneris of
Edinburgh,
Dondy, Perth,
and Striueling
to repoynt an-
suer from thair
counsall anentt
the ordour tak-
ing with the
erection of ane
Scottis kirk in
Flanderis and
minister thair-
to.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis efter lang resoning vpoun the contentis of ane act maid att Edinburgh in ane generall assemblee haldin thairatt vpoun the thrid of Nouember last be the commissioneris of burrowis conuenit thairto, geving thairby to the burrowis of Edinburgh, Dondy, Perth, and Streueling thair power and commissioun for thame selues and haill remanent burrowis of this realme to prescryve ane maner forme and ordour of doing and performing of the erection of ane Scottis kirk in Campfer and appoynting of ane minister thairto, quhais intertinement and sustentatioun was thairby ordanit to be vplifted zeirлие of the reddiest of the excyse of beir and wyne granted be the said towne of Campfer to the Scottis natioun the tyme of the estaiblisching of thair estaipill thairatt, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said act of the daitt abouewrittin; and fynding the samyn to be forzett for laik of the acceptatioun of the commissioneris of the saidis four burrowis to accomplis and performe the same, Thairfoir as of befor hes ordanit the saidis four burrowis to accept in and vpoun thame the said commissioun granted to them be the act abouewrittin. The commissioneris presently conuenit quhairof, nochtt haifing commissioun of thair particular burrowis to burdene thame thairwith, they alwyis respecting the samyn to be very godlie and necessar to be done, obleissis thame att the desolving of this presentt conuention and thair hamecuming to thair saidis burghis, to geve in ane supplicatioun to the magistrattis of thair saidis burrowis vpoun the contentis of the said actt, thatt the samyn may be putt to poyntt, and to repoyntt ane perfyte ansuer of the saidis magistratis to the saidis burrowis agane thair nixt generall conuention of burrowis, quhairever the samyn salbe appoynted to be haldin, or soner, as it salhappin ony vther conuention to interuene.

The same day, it being meanit be the commissioneris foirsaidis be Iohn Bowsy, commissioner for the burgh of Craill, thatt Iohn Symson customer thair of, had, contrair the forme of estaiblesching of customeris in euery frie burgh and sea poirtt, past furth of the said frie burgh of Craill to the vnfrie tovne of Kilrany quhair he makes his residence, being obleist, at his electioun be the burrowis in customer to Craill, to haif his remaining induring the said office of customary within the said frie burgh and nocht ellis quhair, Ordanis Iohn Guthre thair clark to direct ane missive in thair names, vpoun the aduerteisment of the said burgh of Craill, att the said Iohn Symsonis hamecuming frome the sail, to desyre him to repair agane to the said frie burgh of Craill, and induring his office of customary to mak residence thairin alanerlie vnto the first of October nixtt, certefeing him gif he failzeis to do the same thatt the commissioneris of the burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondie, and Abirdene, in thair names sall immediatlie efter his refusall depryve him of his said office and place ane vther in his steid thairintill vnto the said first day of October nixtt, to the quhilkis commissioneris of four burrowis the saidis haill commissioneris presentlie convenit gevis thair full power and commissioun to thatt effect, etc.

Guthre, clark,
to wryte to
Symson custo-
mer of Craill to
repair and mak
residence thair-
in.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis, efter lang resoning vpoun thatt heid of the missive bering euery particular burgh to send thair commissioner fullie instructed to this presentt conventioun for hering the customeris and collectouris comptis of thair bygane intromissioun with the Kingis Maiesties customes quhairto they ar takismen, as alsua of the impositis taxationis and vnlawis bygane, finding that nochtwithstanding of dew aduerteisment maid to the saidis commissioneris to the effect foirsaid thatt the saidis customeris and collectour war nocht wairnitt to compeir to this presentt conventioun for making of thair saidis comptis, quhairby vnto sic tyme as they be lawfully wairnit to ane particular day na thing can be procedit heirintill, For remeid of the samyn hes elected nominatt and chosin, lyke as they all in ane voce be thir presentis electis nominatis and chusis the burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondie, and Abirdene, with sic vther burrowis as sall pleis convene with thame be thair commissioneris fullie instructed to convene at the said burgh of Edinburgh the twenty twa day of September nixtt, quhairat being convenit to sute compte rekning and payment of all bygane customes vnto

Commissioun
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comptis.

the first of October nixtt, and efter the comptis be hard to place and displace customeris in all the burrowis and sea pointis of this realme frome the said first day of October nixt vnto the first day of October in anno 1589 zeris, as alsua to tak ordour with placing of ane customer of Caithnes; with power lykewyis to the saidis four burrowis and vtheris abouemention-att to resave compte rekning and payment of the bygane introumissioun and vplifting of the impoistis vplifted for making my lord conseruatour and Thonn Gourlayis expenssis in Flanderis frome the first estaiblisching thair-of, viz., frome the tent day of August in anno 1586 vnto the said twenty tua day of September nixt; and of the impoistis of befor ordanit to be vplifted at euery burgh and sea pointt as said is for making of Henry Nesbettis expenssis to France, being sent thairto in commissioun be the saidis burrowis in anno 1582, as be the act maid and sett down thair-anentt at Edinburgh the auchtt of November in the zeir of God foirsaid att lenth will appeir; ordaning heirby, to the effect abouewrittin, ilk magistratt of euery burgh and sea pointt of this realme viz., of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondy, Abirdene, Montrois, Innernes, Sanctandrois, Craill, Anstruther, Pettinweme, Dysart, Kirkcaldy, Kingorn, Bruntiland, Innerkething, Air, Irrowyne, Dumbartan, Kirkcudbrychtt, Quhithorn, Wigtoun, Dumfreis, Banff, to send the collectouris and introumettoris thairwith to be comptabill to the saidis burrowis day and place aboue expremitt for the valour of the saidis impoistis conforme to thair custome buikis of all zeris bygane as said is vnto the said twenty tua day of September nixt, and ilk burgh and sea pointt nochtt making compte rekning and paymentt the said day to incur the payne and vnlaw of twenty pundis to be vplifted of thame butt fauouris, and to this effect, euery commissioner presentt of the burrowis quhairas the saidis dewties auchtt to be vplifted obleissis thame to aduerteis the magistrattis of thair saidis burrowis to se the samyn dewlie collectit, and att the said twenty tua day of September nixt to mak iust compte rekning and paymentt thair of, sua mekill as is collectit or that auchtt and suld haif bene collectitt, conforme to the saidis custome rollis; and sic as hes nochtt comperitt to this presentt conuention be aduerteist be thame, or in sic vther burghis or sea portis as no commissioneris ar present to be, be the agent or Androw Mekill seruand to the general collectour, to comper day and place aboue

specifeitt, to the effect aboue rehersitt. And Maister Alexander Coustoun commissioner for the burgh of Bruntiland, and Ihonn Anstruther commissioner for Anstruther be eist the burn, protested that thair said burgh be na forther astricted in making compte rekning and paymentt with the saidis impoist forther nor sen thair erectioun and enrolling amangis the remanentt. Attour the commissioneris fairsaidis, for thame selves thair saidis burrowis and in name and behalf of the remanent burrowis of this realme, gevis full power and commissioun to the saidis four burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondy, and Abirdene, with the remanent burrowis aboue expremitt, to sute compte rekning and paymentt att the said tuenty tua day of September next off the generall intromissioun with the saidis customes, impoistis, taxationis, and vnlawis, intromettit with or that suld have bene collected be Robertt Gourlay thair generall collectour, off all zeris bygane vnto the first of October nixt sen his first estaiblesching in the office of generall collectoury to the saidis burrowis. Efter the hearing of the quhilkis comptis of customary, and finding the samyn nocht to extend to sa greitt ane sovme as will mak paymentt of the principall four thousand pundis and thretty tunnis wyne to be payitt to the Kingis Maiestie for thair sett and tak of the saidis customes of this last zeir, viz frome the first of October four scoir sevin to the first of October foir scoir auchtt, to sett down ane extentt vpon the inlaik conforme to the generall roll maid at Edinburgh vpon the last of October last, to be vplifted of the haill burrowis in maner and forme as hes bene befor prescryuit, and quhatsumever burgh pleses to send thair commissioner instructed to cum to the doun setting heirof to the said burgh of Edinburgh thair saidis commissioneris to have with the saidis four burrowis voitt heirin. And becaus the saidis commissioneris for the maist pairtt hes nocht hard the said generall collectouris comptis, alsweill of his collectioun of the customes, impoistis, vnlawis, as taxationis bygane sen his first electioun as said is in his said office of generall collectoury, thairfoir hes ordanit and ordanis the saidis four burrowis, efter the hering of the samyn, to bring with thame to the nixtt generall assemble of burrowis, quhairever it sallhappin the samyn to be appointed, the saidis collectouris comptes to be sene and considerit, to the effect that they mak their particular burrowis certefeitt of the haill proceedingis and effect thairof, and thatt

the samyn be rememberitt in the missives to be direct to the said next generall assembleie. With power lykewyis to the foirnamit four burrowis and burrowis to be conuenit, efter the hering of the said collectuoris comptis, to continew him for the zeir to cum in his said office of collectoury, and vpon his refusall to accept the same to place ane vther. And last, hes allowit and allowis to the saidis four burrowis the expenssis particularly mentionatt in ane act sett down thairanent in ane act maid att the last generall assembleie of burrowis the saxtt of Nouember last bypast, ordaning thair collectour presentt and to cum to mak to thame and every ane of thame dew paymentt of the samyn, of the first and reddiest of the saidis customes and impoistis. And for the mair sure doing and performing be the saidis four burrowis of the premissis, and euery poynt heirof, the saidis commissioneris presentlie conuenit, for thame selues and remanett burrowis of this realme, promesis to hald ferme and stabill all and quhatsum- ever thing it salhappin thame to do leid or exerce heiranentt, and ar content and consentis that letteris and executoriallis be obtenit and execute aganis the contravenaris heirof in forme as efferis etc.

Burrowis
vnlawit for
nocht com-
perance.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis findis the burrowis of Selkirk for nocht sending ane missive, Montros, Breichan, for nocht com- perance and vnexemit, Forbes, Innernes, Narne, and Thayne, nocht sending missives, and Rothesay nocht comperand, being lawfully wairnit be the magistratis of the burgh of Glasqu as was sufficientlie verefeit to have comperit to this presentt generall assembleie and nocht comperand, to have incurrit the payne and vnlaw of twenty pundis euery ane of thame, quhilk they ordane thair generall collectour to caus be vplifted but fauouris.

Tercio Iulij 1588.

Edinburgh,
Foullertounis
xijc markis con-
tinewit to the
nxt conven-
tioun, and to be
rememberitt in
the missive to be
direct thairto.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris of burrowis being in resoning vpoun thatt heid of the missive quhair as itt was cravitt be the magis- tratis of the burgh of Edinburgh thatt they suld be rembursitt of the sovme of tuelff hundreth markis aduancit and lentt be thame to Adame Foullertoun, as be dyueris actis of continuatioun maid thairanent will ap- peir, Henry Nesbett and George Hereott, commissioneris for the said

burgh of Edinburgh, protestis thatt in the ansuer geving be the saidis burrowis thairto thair suld be na admissioun of the actis foirsaidis maid thairanentt, and thatt the said burgh suld resaue resolute ansuer of the haill substance of the contentis of the samyn concerning the haill effect of thair demand, quhilk is rembursementt of the said sovme principall, and interes payitt thairfoir sen the first aduancing thairof in the zeir of God j^m v^e thre scoir sevintene zeris, Vpoun the quhilk demand and heid of the said missive, efter the removing of the saidis commissioneris of Edinburgh, voting of euery particular commissioner presentlie conuenitt being past, they, for the maist pairtt hes disassented and disassentis to ony ansuer geving to the petitioun abouewrittin in respect of thair missives sentt to thame be the magistratis of the said burgh of Glasqu bering alanerly the sovme of twa hundreth markis, quhairas the sovme of twelve hundreth markis is cravitt be act of continuatioun maid in ane generall assemblie of burrowis haldin at Edinburgh in Nouember last, and sum they, nocht instructed of thair particular burrowis to give ansuer to forther nor is contenit in thair saidis missives concerning that pairtt thair of, continewis in maner forme and effect as of befoir ony ansuer geving thairto to thair next generall conventioun of burrowis, quhairver the samyn salbe appointed to be haldin, and the samyn to be rememberit in the missives to be directt thairto, that the commissioneris of burrowis than to conuene cum instructed to geve ansuer to the said burgh of Edinburgh thairintill, and this but preiudice of burrowis of befoir and now disassenting; quhairvnto and to all forther continuatioun the saidis commissioneris of Edinburgh disassented and protestis for remeid of law, alsweill in payment to thame be the saidis burrowis of the said principall sovme of xij^e markis and interes payitt thairfoir sen the first aduancing and debursment thairof.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis hes continewit and continewis Iohn Guthre, thair generall clark, in his office of clarkschip for the space of ane zeir to cum, vpoun the conditiounis mentionatt in the actis of his first admissioun, and scnsyne maid thairanent, and ordanis his ordinar fie of ane hundreth pundis to be payitt be the collectour of the first taxatioun of the first and reddiest of the samyn, quhensoeuer and quhow sone the samyn beis ingottin; and as concerning the said Iohns extraordinar expenssis awand to him be the saidis burrowis, conforme to

Guthre, clark, continewit in his office, and maner of payment of his stipend, and bygone expenssis, etc.

the actis sett down thairanent at the last conuentionis of Dundie and Edinburgh, incais he be nocht payitt thairof be the vnlawis to be vplifted be the generall collectour, quhilkis they ordane him to cause be vplifted with all diligence, findis the saidis foure burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, and Dondy sall cause him be payitt thairof be the said first taxatioun occurring.

Quarto Iulij 1588.

Kirkeudbrych-
tis missive ap-
proving etc.

THE QUHILK DAY, comperitt Robertt Hall burges of the burgh of Kirkcudbrycht, and presentitt thair missive appreving all and quhatsumever thingis suld be done at this presentt conuention, in respect quhairof and of thair exemptioun instantlie schawin and productit, remitis vnto the said burgh thair vnlaw of tuenty pundis quhairvnto thai war adiugit for nocht sending of the said missive conforme to the tennour of thair said exemptioun etc.

Ratefeing
Henry Nesbett
sending to
France and actt
maid thairan-
entt, with
power to four
burrowis to
prorogatt
dewties etc.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis, after lang resoning vpoun thatt heid of the missive quhairas the haill burrowis war warnit to send to this present conuention thair commissioneris fullie instructed to the ratefeing of ane actt and ordinance maid be the commissioneris of burrowis convenit att Edinburgh in the moneth of Februar last bypast, quhairby Henry Nesbett burges of Edinburgh was direct in thair and the haill burrowis names in commissioun to France for the causes thairin contenit, for the making of quhais expensis the magistratis of the said burgh of Edinburgh become cautoun for payment to the said Henry of the sovme of fyve hundreth pundis att ane day mentionatt in the said actt, for the quhilk burgh of Edinburghis relief of thair suretieschip to the said Henry the commissioneris of burrowis than conuenit, for thame selves and remanent burrowis of this realme, in maner as is sett down in the said actt, are obleist; as alsua thairby itt was concludit thatt the impoist collectitt for making of the Conseruatour and Ihonn Gourlayis expensis suld, efter the expyryng thairof, continow to be vplifted and tane in maner and forme as is contenit in ane actt maid the aucht of Nouember 1582, ay and quhill the said sovme of fyve hundreth pundis war payitt and reimbursitt to the said burgh of Edinburgh, souerties

thairfoir, as at lenth is contenit in the said act maid at Edinburgh in Februar last, Hes ratefeitt and apprevit, for thameselues and remanent burrowis of this realme, the foirnamit actt maid anent the said Henry Nesbetis sending to France as said is- in all poyntis, geving heirby for thame selves, thair saidis burrowis and remanent burrowis foirsaidis, full power and commissioun to the burrowis, Edinburgh, Perth, Dondy, and Abirdene, at thair conventioun appoynted to be haldin at Edinburgh vpoun the xxij day of September nixtt, efter the hering of the custo-meris and generall collectouris comptes of thair intronmissioun with the bygane customes, extensis, impoistis and vnlawis, incais the samyn be found be thame to extend to ane greittar sovme nor will sateffie the Kingis Maiestie and vtheris debtis to be payitt thairby, mentionatt in sindry actis maid thairvpoun, thatt of the excrescence and superplus of the samyn the said burgh of Edinburgh sall than be payitt of the said sovme of fyve hundreth pundis for the quhilkis they ar souerties to the said Henry, and gif the saidis customes, impoistis, taxationis, and vnlawis, extendis nocht to the said sovme, in that cais the saidis four burrowis prorogatt the vplifting of the saidis dewties mentionat in the said Conseruatour and Iohnn Gourlayis act sua lang as the paymentt thairof beis necessar to be vplifit for the causis aboue rehersitt ; promes- and forme and staibill all and quhatsumever thingis the saidis four bur-rowis thinkis neidful to be done, etc.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis disassentis to the making of ony actt quhairby any power may be granted to ane certan number of burrowis to conclude and fullie determine in materis concerning the weil-fair of thair estaitt quhensoever ony thair adois outwith generall conven-tionis sall intervene, for dyueris inconvenientis att full lenth respectitt be thame etc.

Disassenting to the making of actis to ane cer-tan to conclude on materis, etc.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis vnderstanding thame selves to be gretumlie hurtt be the debursmentt maid of dyueris greitt and ex-horbitantt expenssis vpoun the ingetting of thair customes, taxationis, im-poistis, and vnlawis, be the disobedience of sic as ar addettit thairin, hes halelie, for remeid thairto, concluditt, statute, and ordanit thatt sic of thair number as abydis the denunciatioun of hornyng for nonpaymentt of the saidis dewties sall, after tryell tane of thair disobedience befor thame in every thair generall assemblies, being found culpabill thairin, contentt

Sic as abydis denunciatioun to pay ten li. and expenssis.

and pay the sovme of ten li., of vnlaw with the expenssis debursitt in thair defaltt sa oft as they failzie etc.

Ratefeing Nes-
bettis diligence
in France.

The same day, the commissioneris fairsaidis findis thair commissioner, Henry Nesbett burges of Edinburgh, being sentt in thair names to France in thair effaires to the Kingis Maiesties embassadour thair, for labouring to the doungetting of certan impoist raisitt vpoun the Scottis natioun in the said cuntrie ef France and dyueris pairttis thair of, as is particularly mentionatt in his act of directioun maid thairanentt, hes done his exactt diligence thairintill conforme to the tennour of the said ambassadouris letteris of recipe and missive presentlie red to thame, quhilkis they ordane to be registratt in this thair buke of conventioun, quhair of the tennour followis.

Followis the said Lord Embassadouris letteris of recipe etc. :

The Kingis
Embassadouris
in France,
obligatioun of
ten pecis of the
burrowis writ-
tis in parchie-
mentt, maid to
Henry Nesbett.

We Iames, be the mercy of God Archbischof of Glasqu, Embassadour for the Kingis Maiestie besyde the King of France, grantis ws to have ressauit fra Henry Nesbett burges of Edinburgh, directt fra the Burrowis of Scotland to ws for the effaires of the customes, ten pecis of writtis in parchment, quhair of twa letteris patentes gevin and granted to the merchantis of Scotland be King Frances the First of gude memory (King of gude memorie) King of France grantitt in anno domini j^m v^e and auchtene zeris, and four pecis of wryttis for verefeing and appreving of thame, be the Chalmer of Paris, Thesaurer of France, General Counsall of Finances of France, and the fourtt approbatioun be the Eleuz for the effaires of the weiris ; Item, thre patentis granted be King Henry of gude memory, King of France, ratefeing and appreving quhatsumever was granted to the Scottis merchantis be his Maiesties father, with additioun, with their admissiounis and approbatiounis of sic to quhome they are direct, and thatt notitt vpoun twa of the patentis, red publischitt and registratt in the Court of Parliamentt of Rowen in the Chalmer of Comptis thair, in the Courtt des Aydes and Finances thair, and all thir subscryuit be the former Kingis in Counsall, subscryuit be ane of the Secretaris of Commandmentis and past the Chancellary, and thir grantitt be King Henry in anno 1554 and 1555 ; Item the tentt pece, being ane sentence of the Court des Aydes in Normandy, that the Scottis merchantis suld find cautioun to haif libertie to carry thair merchandise onlie to Scotland,

that suld haif the commoditie to be customit in the auld maner etc.—the haill effectis of thir writtis bering that the Scottis merchantis sall be frie for ever of the merchandise thatt theysall transpoirtt of the Duche of Normandy to Scotland, paying onlie four deniers for frank, according as was payitt of auld ; quhilkis ten pecis of letteris we promeis to delyuere to the said Henry, or ony in his name randeriing vnto ws thir presentis, be this presentt subscriuitt with oure hand, at Paris in France, the auchtene day of Maij anno domini j^m v^c four scoir and aucht zeris, etc., first and second baith to ane effect. *Et sic subscribitur.* GLASQU.

Followis the tennour of the said Embassadouris missive direct on the back thair of in this maner :

To our weilbelouit freindis the provest and baillies of Edinburgh and commissioneris of the burghis, etc.

The Scottis
Embassadouris
in Frances mis-
sive to the bur-
rowis and
Edinburgh.

Weilbelouit friendis, efter our maist hertlie commendationis, we have receavitt letteris be the berar heirop, Henry Nesbett, fra the Kingis Maiestie oure Souerane, willing ws to travell with the King of France and his Counsall for reforming of the exhorbitantt customes tane and raisitt within thir few zeris vpoun our natioun, alsweill inwartt as outwartt, We have resauit alsua, the thrid of Apryle last, fra the said berar zour letteris to the samyn effectt with creditt, quhilke he hes faithfullie communicat vnto ws, with the pecis thatt ze haif of auld of the Kingis of France, concerning zour liberties and privilegis heir, with the ratificationis thair of. We haif sichtitt and considerit the same, and laikis na gude will to haif randeritt zow satefeitt of zour desyris insafar as lysis in our power gif the tyme had bene proper, and assures zow sall do our vtter diligence in the furthering of zour effaires and for the augmenting of zour privilegis, nor vtherwyis, conforme to his Maiesties command and zour desyir. We had na littill hoip, be the moyen of sic as fauouris our natioun, to haue brocht the mater to sum gude point schortlie, war nochtt the inconvenientt thatt is laitlie interuenit heir, quhairof the said berar will and can informe zow sufficientlie, and thairfoir we haif thoctt it meittest, in respect of the malure of tyme, thatt he suld return hamewartt quhill better occasioun be offeritt ; and in the menetye we sall nochtt omitt, induring our residence in this courtt, to do thatt we may for the aduancementt of zour effaires, and sall aduerteis zow quhen it salbe neidful he, or sic

vther as ze sall think gude, salbe sentt heir to solist quhatt salbe granted put in practeis and executioun. We have resauit zour foirsaid mentionatt pecis fra him and hes gevin oure recepissee thairof in double forme. Remitting the rest to his sufficiency We pray the eternal Lord God to have zow in his everlasting protectioun, From Paris this xxij day of May 1588. *Et sic subscribitur*, zour assured and affectionat and lufing freind at power IA. ARCHBISCHOP OF GLASQU. And efter the registering to be redelyueritt agane to the said Henry, quha be thir presentis grantis the ressaith thairof frome Iohn Guthre clark to the burrowis, efter the registering of the samyn in maner as is aboue expremitt.

Protestatioun,
Kirkcaldy.

The same day, Alexander Dalzell commissioner of the burgh of Kirkcaldy protested the said burgh war fred of all payment of the sovme of ane hundreth four pundis alevin schillingis twa pennies, as for the said burghis pairt of the extenttis of iij^m sax hundreth pundis imposit for payment of the thretty tunnis wyne contentit in the tak of the customes for this instant zeir of God 1587 zeris, and for thair pairt of the extentt of j^m li. and ane zeris proffeitt thairof impositt for outredding Alane Lentroneis schip and bark for repressing of piratis, in respect of the payment maid be him to Robert Gourlay general collectouris acquittance thairof presentlie schawin and producit and agane tane vp be him, as the samyn vnder the said Robertis subscription, as apperit, of the daitt at Edinburgh the saxtene of Marche last bypast at lenth proportis, etc.

Burrowis
nocht payand
thair pairtis of
Alane Lentroneis
taxatioun to pay the
Witsonday last
interes, and
thair protestatioun
in the
contrair, etc.

The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis for the maist pairtt findis that the burrowis nocht haifing payitt thair pairtis of the extentt of ane thousand pundis impositt vpoun thair haill number for outreging of Alane Lentroneis schip and bark for repressing of piratts, befoir the feist of Witsonday last, particularlie as they ar extentitt vnto, sall pay for releiff of the burrowis quha hes alrady payitt thair pairtis of the samyn preceding the said feist of Witsonday the sovme of fourty pundis, as for the said termis interes of the said principall sovme; Quhairvnto the commissioneris of the burrowis of Perth, Sanctandros, Cowpar, Craill, Lanark, Pettinweme, and Glasqu, etc., dissassentit alluterlie, becaus the personis votaris aboue expremitt, alleging thatt the said haill interes suld be raisitt vpoun the burrowis dissassenting, allegitt nocht making paymentt of thair pairtis of the said extentt, and thatt they haif for thair awin releif of the samyn maid and sett down the conclusioun aboue ex-

premitt. Secundlie, the said burgh of Perth allegitt thair pairtt thair of to be payitt alady to Iames Mathesoun messenger, quha was directitt frome Robertt Gourlay principall collectour appointed to the collectioun of the said sovme. And the said burgh[is] of Sanctandrois, Cowpar, Craill, Lancark, etc., ar contentt to pay beneuolentlie the interes fairsaid efferand to the raitt and quantitie of the fairsaid sovme impossit vpoun thame, and dissassentis that ony mair be askitt or sutit of thame. As alsua the said burgh of Cowpar allegitt they suld nochtt pay ony interes for the said sovme, forsamekill as they offerit to the said Iames Mathesoun messenger to pay him thair pairtis of the extentt befor the feist of Whitson-day last, quhais ansuer was itt suld serue and stand for paymentt becaus he was passand to the northland, and itt wald be trubilsum to him to cary the said sovme with him, and thatt at his returning thairfra he suld resave the samyn, and sua in effectt the samyn was as payitt befor the said terme, and offerit thame to pay the saidis sovmes impositt of the said contributioun on thame gif the samyn be nocht as zett payitt, quhilk he vnderstandis to be payitt, and thairfoir suld be fred of forther interes, and gif ony forther may be suted of Cowper, they can nawyis be forther addettit bott *pro rata* efferand to the pairtt of the sovme they ar addettit to pay, and thairfoir dissassentis to the said conclusioun of the said interes of the terme to cum. And forther the saidis burrowis dissassenting protestis agane the said conclusioun and for remeid thair of, and thatt the samyn be nawyis hurtfull nor preiudiciall to thame, nor that they incur the paynis contenit in the samyn. And Androw Kar, commissioner for the burgh of Linlithqu, in name of the said burgh, protestis, incais they haif nocht payitt thair pairtis of the said taxatioun, quhilk he vnderstandis to be payitt, thatt they be astricted in na forther interes for the Witsonday terme last nor efferand to the raitt of thair pairtt of the said taxatioun, incais itt be found they ar addettit to pay ony, and dissassentis fra the samyn pretenditt actt and conclusioun of paymentt of the saidis interes as is sett doun thairintill, and protestis for remeid of law.

The samyn day, the commissioneris fairsaidis ordanis the magistratis of the burgh quhair the nixt generall assemblee of burrowis salbe appointed to be haldin to aduerteis the magistratis of the burgh of Edinburgh to send thair commissioneris thairto with Henry Nesbettis diligence of his commissioun vsitt in thair names in the pairtis of France in anno 1582.

Edinburgh to
send to the nixt
conventioun
Nesbettis dili-
gence etc.

Agentt to per-
sew Lentroun.

The samyn day, efter aduysement with the supplicatioun presented to thame be David Watsoun, commissioner for Sanctandrois, in name of Thomas Lentroun citinar thairof, findis that, nochtwithstanding the said Thomas desyir of continuatioun of the proces depending aganis Alane Lintroun his sone at thair instances befor the Lordis vnto his hamecuming, thatt William Makartnay agentt sall insist in the persute thairof quhill decreitt be obtenitt.

Four burrowis
to cause agentt
be ansueritt of
money etc.

The samyn day, the commissioneris fairsaidis gevis full power and commissioun to the burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondie, and Abirdene to cause ansuer Williame Makartnay thair agentt, of sic sovmes of money as ar debursitt or to be debursitt to the aduocatis and clarkis in thair effairis, vpoun compte to be gevin be him to the saidis four burrowis thairof.

Agentt to per-
sew burrowis
regalitie for
custome Inglis
gudes.

The samyn day, ordanis Williame Makartnay, thair agentt, vpoun thair expenssis, to persew Kirkcaldy and vtheris burrowis of regalitie, and the customeris thairof, for paymentt to the collectour of the customes of Inglis gudes, and remitis to the saidis four burrowis and him to cause persew the transportaris of forbiddin gudes and quhyte fische befor thair iuge ordinar.

Quinto Iulij 1588.

To wryte ans-
uer to the pro-
vest of Edin-
burghis mis-
sive.

THE SAMYN DAY, the commissioneris ordanis ane ansuer to be writtin and gevin to the provest of Edinburghis missive sentt, contening thair hertlie thankis to his lordschip for his paynis and travell tane in thair effairis, and to certifie his lordschip thairby that the restis awand of the extentis be sa mony of the burrowis as ar conuenit and debtbound thairin salbe with all diligence, efter thair hamecuming, thankfullie randeritt and payitt to his lordschip, and to requeist his lordschipp thatt he wald nocht tak in evill pairtt the lang delay of paymentt, insafar as, gif they befor thair heircuming had knawin or bene certifeit thairof, they suld to thair power in euery thair particular burgh sene the samyn vtherwyis remedit and payitt.

The samyn day, the commissioneris of burrowis presentt, within quhais burghis or sea portis customeris to the Kingis Maiesties customes, quhair of the hail burrowis ar takismen, ar estableschitt, obleissis thame in name of thair saidis burrowis to cawse, induring the tyme of thair said tak of the customes, to cause lawfully sumond in presence of notar and witnessis the customeris particularly within thair burrowis and sea poirtis foirsaidis to cum to the burgh of Edinburgh the twenty twa day of September next, for making of compte rekning and payment of their intromissioun with the bygane customes vnto the first of October nextt, and thatt to the four burrowis nominatt and appoyntitt auditouris thairto, ilk burgh under the payne of twenty pundis, to be vplifted of thame and every ane of thame failzeand heirintill butt fauouris, and thatt letteris and executoriallis be raisitt and execute be the collectour vpon the burrowis [ilk ane of] thame gif neid beis in maist ampill forme as efferis; and ordanis the burrowis absentt to be wairnit day place and to effect abouewrittin, within the quhilkis or sea poirtis thair of customer is ar estaiblest, ilk burgh vnder the payne and vnlaw aboue expremitt, viz., the burghis of Montrois and Abirbrothok to be wairnit be commissioner or magistratis of Dondy; Invernes and vther burrowis nocht presentt to be wairnit be thair collectour generall, vpoun the saidis burrowis expenssis, to be refoundit alwayis, being lawfully wairnitt be thame in maner as is aboue rehersitt.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis hes statute and ordanit thatt the provest baillies and counsall of burrowis, every ane within thair awin burghis and sea poirtis, induring the tyme of the tak of the Kingis Maiesties customeis, salbe ansuerabill for their customeris for dew collection and paymentt quarterlie of their intromissioun with the saidis customes to thair generall collectour, with certificatioun to thame and every ane of them that failzeis hereintill they sall incur the payne and vnlaw of twenty pundis sa oft as they failzie, to be vplifted of thame, butt fauouris and letteris and executoriallis to be raisitt and execute aganis the magistratis of burrowis being found sleuthfull or negligent herein; as alsua, that ilk customer being lawfullie requyritt be their saidis magistratis and refusand to pay their saidis bygane customes, efter they be adiugit in the said vnlaw of twenty pundis be thair contrauen-

Burrowis to mak warning to thair customeris to bring thair comptes.

Magistratis of burrowis and sea poirtis, qnhair customaris ar, to cause thame mak paymentt quarterlie to the collectour, vnder xx li vnlaw.

tion of the premissis, salbe haldin but fauouris to pay the samyn to the saidis magistratis for thair relief thairroff.

Flemyng to
persew Reid
factour in
t'ampier befor
the conserua-
tor.

The quhilk day, anentt the complaint gevin in befor thame be Mathow Flemyng, merchantt and burges of Glasqu, aganis Nicoll Reid, factour in the toвне of Campfer, makand mentioun that quhair he being laitlie in the pairtis of Flanderis in the said toвне of Campfer, sentt be Robertt Flemyng, his father, merchant and burges of the said burgh, as factour and doar for him, to sute compte rekning and paymentt of the intromissioun and wrangous detentioun be the said Nicoll of certan gudes mentionatt in the said Nicollis missives this day presented and red befor thame, efter he was lawfully requyrit in presence of notar and witnesses thairto, refusitt to geve the samyn, as be instrumentis and documentis tane in the handis of Neil Kaa, notar and depute to the conseruator, did appeir, quhairby he and his father foirsaid ar gretumlie hurtt and preiugitt, and except remeid war putt thairto it suld be impossibill to him or ony vther merchantt of this realme to have traffecque in the saidis partis, in respect thair of and of mony vther greit abusis of last vsitt, nochtt onlie be the said Nicoll bott vtheris the factouris of Campfer, as at mair lenth is contentit in the said Nicollis complaynt thairanent; efter dew and rype avysement quhairwith the saidis commissioneris findis the said Mathow with all diligence sall persew the said Nicoll for his wrangous refusall of compte rekning and paymentt befor the Conseruator of the Scottis natioun thair, as his onlie iuge ordnar, and ordanis the said Conseruator, according to his office, butt delay, to cause minister iustice to the said complenar as he will ansuer to thame.

Article to the
parliamentt,
factouris, Flan-
deris, and they
to by na Scottis
wairis etc.

The samyn day, it being menit be the said Mathow thatt by all conscience the factouris of Campfer had vsurpitt the tred of merchandise and put the sam in practeis in als liberally traffecquing with all soirtis of wairis cuming frome this cuntre as ony merchantt within the same, omitting thairthrow their ordinar and dewtiful cure of factoury, a maist dangerous preparative to the estaitt of merchantis except remeid war prouyditt, by and attour sindry vther thair vnlesum attemptatis particularlie mentionatt in certan articles gevin be the said Mathow thairanent; the saidis commissioneris findis gude thatt the samyn be proponitt be speciall articles and gevin into the next parliamentt for craving of redres thairto, and in the menetyne to geve in ane supplicatioun to the Kingis

Maiestie and Secreitt Counsall for obtening of ane act thair of thairupoun, decerning the saidis factouris herefter to desist and ceis frome sic vnlawfull deilling vnder the penaltie as itt sall pleis his Maiestie be aduyce foirsaid to adoine; and in the menetye, nor at na tyme heirefter thatt na maner of persoun be employitt in the office of factoury be ony merchant of this realme without sufficient fynding of souerty be the said factour for refrayning frome all bying of Scotis wairis, and the merchantt employar of ony factour in contrair hereof sall pay ane vnlaw of fourty pundis sa oft as he failzeis bott fauouris.

The samyn day Henry Nesbett, burges of Edinburgh, procuratour lawfully constitute be oure Souerane Lord the Kingis Maiestie, presented to the commissioneris foirsaidis his Hienes procuratioun vnder his Graces subscripcioun butt daitt, geving thairby to the said Henry, procuratour foirsaid, power in His Hienes name to propone and notefie to thame the ovirtouris given in be Eustachius Roogh, Flemyng, and to cause be red, sichtitt, and consideritt the forme of ane contract sett down betuix his Maiestie and Lordis of Secreitt Counsall on the ane pairtt, and the said Eustachius on the vther pairtt, to resoun thairupoun, and efter dew consideration thair of to requyre and desyre the saidis commissioneris presentt, for thame selues and takand the burding on thame for the hail remanentt burrowis of this realme, to becum cautionaris and souerties for performance and fulfilling of his Hienes pairtt of the said contract to the said Eustachius, and for thatt effect to authorise the samyn with thair subscriptionis as efferis, and vtherwyis to repoirrt to his Hienes and Counsall thair resolutioun and ansuer thairanentt, as in the said procuratioun, subscryuit in maner aboue rehersitt, at lenth is contenit; conforme to the tennour qubairof the said Henry Nesbett, in name of oure Souerane Lord the Kingis Maiestie, desyritt ansuer thairto according to the contentis of the samyn. Quhairwith the saidis commissioneris of burrowis, efter lang resoning thairupoun, being rypelie aduysitt, findis they can geve na ansuer thairto, becaus the samyn concernis the body of euery burgh and na thing can be concluditt thairintill withoutt the particular aduyce of euery burgh as said is.

The samyn day, the hail remittis the vnlaw of Abirdene, incurrit be thame for nocht compering in dew tyme to the last generall assemblee haldin at Dondie in Iulij 1587, and dischairge all executioun aganis thame thairfor.

Ansuer to Henry Nesbett, procuratour for the Kingis Maiestie, anent the desiring of his Hienes the burrowis to be souertie for his Grace to Eustachius Roogh, Flemyng, etc.

Abirdene vn-law remittitt, etc.

Provest, Wigtoun, ratefeitt actis

The samyn day, Ihonn Ahannay of Kirkdaill, provest of the burgh of Wigtoun, producitt ane commissioun vnder the seill of the said burgh, and subscriptioun of the commoun clark thairof, quhilk, in respect of thair exemptioun was resaut and admitted, and he in name of the said burgh thairby ratefeitt and apprevitt all and quhatsumeuer thing salbe concluditt at this presentt generall assembly.

Collectour to vplift the vnlawis bygane and presentt.

The samyn day, anent the desyris of the commissioneris of the burrowis of Abirdene, Sanctandrois, Cowpar, and Craill, desyring thair half vnlawis to be remittit to thame, quhairin they war adiugit att the last generall assemble in Edinburgh haldin thairatt in Nouember last for the caussis thairin contenit, the hail findis, in respect of the said act alrady sett down, thatt they can nocht reitreit the samyn, and thairfoir ordanis thair general collectour to cause vplift the samyn together, with the remanentt vnlawis mentionatt in the summondis raisitt thairvpoun, and to mak paymentt of the reddiest thairof to the personis to quhome ane pairt thairof is assignit, as be the acttis maid thairanentt in the said lastt generall assemble at Edinburgh and now presentlie will appeir, and of the superplus thairof, to mak compte rekning and paymentt to the four burrowis auditouris appoynted to the customes, taxationis, impoistis, and vnlawis foirsaidis, att the day appoynted in the acttis maid and sett down iustantlie thairvpoun; as alsua thatt the said collectour caus rais letteris aganis the burrowis vnlawitt att this present conuentionoun incais of thair refusall to pay the samyn, etc.

Sexto Iulij 1588.

Exemptioun, Renfrow.

The commissioneris foirsaidis hes exemit and exemis the burgh of Renfrow frome all keping of conuentionis for the space of thrie zeris to cum, provyding the said burgh send thair missive at ilk generall conuentionoun in the menetyne intervening, with ewest burgh vndispensit with, appreving all actis, statutis, and conclusiounis, thairatt to be concluditt, etc.

Irowenis complaint to be rememberitt in missives, and siclyk all vther deokayitt hereries.

The commissioneris foirsaidis ordanis the desyre of the bill gevin in befor thame be Hew Broun, commissioner for the burgh of Irrowyne, concerning the supportt cravitt be thame for reparreling of thair hawin

and dekyitt brig, to be rememberit in the missives to be direct for keping of the nixt generall conuentioun etc., and siclyke towartt Dysartt, the remanent dekyitt herberis, Sanctandros, Craill, etc.

The commissioneris of burrowis presentlie conuenit, remitis vnto the burgh of Laneark thair vnlaw of twenty li., quhairin they war iudgit for nocht compearance to the last generall conuentioun att Edinburgh, in respect of the Kingis Maiesties charge, and thair personall seruice with his Hienes the tyme of the said conuentioun, and dischargis thair collectour of ony forther troubling of the said burgh thairfoir; and siclyke exemis the burgh Ruthuglen frome payment of thair vnlaw for the lyke causis, etc.; and siclyke Renfrow, etc.

Vnlaw, Laneark remittit, etc.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis hes exempt and exemis for the space of thre zeris to cum the burgh of Peiblis frome all keiping thair conuentions, they sending att euery generall conuention thair missive apreving the actis and conclusionis to be concludit thairat, etc.

Exemption Peiblis.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis desoluis this thair conuentioun, and appoyntis thair nixt generall assemblee of burrowis to be haldin at the burgh of Sanctandros the last of Iunij in the zeir of God Im Vc four scoir nyne zeris; and ordanis the commissioneris present of the said burgh to aduerteis the magistratis thair of in dew tyme be thair missives to the haill burrowis of this realme for keping be thame be thair commissioneris fullie instructed of the said nixt generall conuentioun, with certificatioun to thame and they failzie they salbe haldin to pay the unlaws of the burrowis that beis nocht be thame lawfully wairnit thairto.

Desoluing present conuentioun and nixt to be at Sanctandros.

Henry Nisbett commissioner for Edinburgh.

Robert Anderson for Perth.

Geoirge Heireot commissioner for Edinburgh.

Alexr. Cullen commissioner off Aberdene.

William Duncan commissioner off Dundie.

William Cunyngam, Glasgw.
Andro Ker commissioner for Linlythgw.

Wm. Knox for Air. I. Guthre.

Thomas Kingzow commissioner for Pettenveme.

A. Broun for Kingorn.

Walter Cowane commessener for Sterling.

George Durie for Innerkething.

H. Broun commissioner for Irwing.

Alexr. Dalzell commissioner of Kirkcaldy.

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Ihone Bowsy.

Robertt Livingstoun for Lanerk.

I. Andersone commissioner for Couper.

Thomas Spotiswod commissioner of Hadington.

Iohne Bosuell commissioner of Dumfermling.

Mr. Alexr. Coustoun for Bruntlyland.

Iohne Howstoun far Renfrow.

Dauid Watsoun.

Peter Howston for Dombarton.

Robert Craige for Dumbar.

Thomas Henderson for Jedburgh.

Dauid Hall for Rutherglen.

Roger Gordoun for Drumfres.

Iames Hackat for Dysert.

Willame Hoppringill, for Lawder.

I. Guthre.

Alexr. Williamesoun for Peiblis.

I. Guthre.

Sanctandrois.

In the Conventioun of Burrowis haldin at the burgh of Sanctandrois vpoun the tenth, alevint, tuelt and fourtene dayis of Apryle I^m V^c four scoir nyne zeris, Comperitt the Commissionaris of Burrowis vnder subscriyvand, etc., quha producitt the commissionis and missives efter specefeit, etc,

EDINBURGH, Henry Charteris, Maister Iames Ihonnstoun, Edward Galbraith, and Ihonn Harlaw ; Kingorn, Androw Broun, clark ; Innerkething, George Dury, clark ; Striveling, Walter Cowane ; Linlithqu, Androw Kar, clark ; Dumbertan, Iames Smollett ; Renfrow, Adam Mudderrell ; Air, George Cocheran ; Irrowyne, Hew Broun ; Glasqu, Maister Ihonn Ros ; Kirkeudbrycht be missive ; Wigtoun be missive and procuratioun apprevand ; Quhithorn be missive to the provest of Sanctandrois ; Laneark, Dauid Bryntoun ; Iedburgh, Thomas Henresoun ; Selkirk be missive and procuratoury ; Peiblis be ane missive ; Hadingtoun, William Broun ; Northbervik be ane missive ; Dumbar, Maister Alexander Kelly ; Lawder, William Hoppringill ; Dunfreis, Roger Gordoun ; Aberdene, Maister Ihonn Cheine ; Dondy, Robertt Fleschour, Ihonn Traill ; Perth,

Dioneis Conquerour ; Dumfermling, Ihonn Boisswell, Ihonn Makeson ; Craill, Hary Lindesay, Ihonn Bowsy ; Forfar, George Suitty ; Breichan, Ihonn Ramsay ; Montrois, Williame Patry ; Elgyne, Williame Gibsoun, baillie ; Innernes, Iasper Kynning ; Aberbrothok, Ihonn Haillis ; Sanctandros, Iames Lermouth of Dairsy, provest, Maister Williame Cok, David Watsoun ; Cowpar, Iames Petersoun ; Culane, ane procuratioun admitted as missive ; Forres, Maister Iames Dumbar ; Narne, Williame Tulloche ; Dysartt, Iames Law ; Kirkcaldy, dispensit with in respect of the seiknes ; Pettinweme, Thomas Kingzow ; Brunteland, Ihonn Claipan ; Anstruther be eist the burn, Ihonn Austruther, clark, and Ihonn Bowsy protested this thair enrolling and calling suld nocht preiuge thame in thair actioun anent thair liberties, quhilk is in dependence befor the Lords of Sessioun.

The same day, Maister Ihonn Chene, ane of the baillies of Abirdene and commissioner thairof, producit his commissioun seillit be the common seill of the said burgh, and subscriuit be Maister Ihonn Kennedy principall clark, and thairvpon askitt instrumentis, as alsua vpoun the presenting of ane missive be the provest of Sanctandros direct to his lordschip and commissioneris presentt be xiiij nychtbouris subscrivand the same, quhilkis nychtbouris thairby disassented to his admissioun in commissioner, as the said missive, vnder the subscriptionis fairsaidis of the daitt at Abirdene the auchtt day of Aprile instantt, proporttis ; and the saidis commissioneris continewis the ressaving of the said Maister Alexander quhill the morn att thair convening, quha resaut vp his pecis, etc.

Chene baillie
and commis-
sioner Abir-
dene.

The same day, Henry Charteris, commissioner for the burgh of Edinburgh, producitt ane missive direct be the burgh of Thayne to the commissioneris presentt, quhilk they find nocht to be ressaut, insafar as the samyn is nocht subscrivit be na vther nor Schir Williame Keith, provest, and thairfoir to be vnautentik and contrair to thair ordinances, alwis adiugis thame in xx li. vnlaw, quhilk in respect of thair poverty and exemptioun they remitt, provyding the said burgh committ nocht the lyk in tyme cuming, quhilk gif they do the vnlaw to be incurrit be thame to be vplifted but fauouris.

Thaynis vnlaw
remittitt.

The same day, according to the ordour obseruit in conuentionis, hes nominatt and electitt Iames Lermouth of Dairsy, provest, in moderatour to this presentt assembly, quha be his ressonabill excuse of his behuiffit

In absence of
Dairsy, provest,
Maister Wil-
liam Cok moder-
ator.

passing to the raid as chairgitt be oure Souerane Lord, desyrit Maistert William Cok, baillie, suld supplie his place of moderatorschip, quhome the saidis commissioneris hes elected in moderator induring this presentt conuention as he quha is second in commissioun for the said burgh.

Ordour con-
uening.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris [ordanis] the morn be ix houris befor none to convene, and fra thyne to sitt quhill tuelff att none, and fra twa houris thairefter to sitt quhill sax houris att evin ; and quha comperis nocht imediatlie efter the houris streking and calling of the roll to pay sax schillingis auchtt penneis vnlaw but fauouris.

Vndecimo Aprilis 1589.

Commissioner
for Airressaut.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis resaut George Cocheran as commissioner for Air with his commissioun, with quhais nocht comperance the first of the conuention they dispens in respect of the stay of the passage att the Queinsferry.

Admissioun
Maister Ihonn
Chene in com-
missioner for
Abirdene.

The samyn day, efter lang resoning vpoun the ressaung of Maister Ihonn Chene as commissioner for Abirdene, and having exactlie considerit his commissioun, and thairwith, together with the missive of certan nychtbouris of Abirdene, being rypelie aduysitt, for the maist pairt aggreis to the ressaung of the said Maister Ihonnis commissioun nochtwithstanding the contentis of the said missive, and this in respect the said commissioun is direct vnder the seill of cause of the said burgh and subscrip-tioun of the commoun clark thairof.

Burrowis
vnlawitt.

The same day, finding the burrowis of Rothesay, Ruthuglen, and Banff to have bene lawfully wairnit to have comperit to this presentt conuention, as was sufficiently verefeitt be the magistratis of this burgh of Sanctandros, and they nocht comperand, thairfoir hes adiugit thame and every ane of thame in the payne and vnlaw of twenty pundis, quhilk they ordane thair collectour to cause vplift, and gif neid beis heirvpoun letteris of horning to rais and execute, and be comptabill att the next hering of his comptis to the burrowis thairfoir.

The same day, etc., Walter Cowan, commissioner for the burgh of Streveling, accepted in and vpoun him the commissioun of the haill burrowis (of the haill) for thame and in thair names to travell with the toвне

and factouris of Campfer in Zeland, to the obteneing of sure knowlege of thame of the worth of the excyse of beir and wyne granted to the Scotis natioun for the estaiblesching of thair staipill at the said tovne, as alsua to try quha will geve maist thairfoir, and to repoint to the haill burrowis at the next conuention thair of immediatlie efter his hamecuming, his ansuer heiranent, referring heirby to the magistrates of the burgh of Edinburgh the geving to the said Walter of sufficient informatioun and instructionis in thair names; and continewis all forther resoning vpoun the contentis of the act maid at Glasqu in Iuly last anent the setting down of ane ordour for the erectioun of ane Scottis Kirk in Flanderis, and remanentt contentis mentionatt thairintill, to the making to thame be the said Walter of his repointt heiranentt.

The samyn day, continewis the vplifting of the vnlaw of the burgh of Forres for thair absence from the conuention at Glasqu in Iuly 1588 vnto the next generall assemblie of burrowis, quhen as they ordane the commissioner of the burgh of Glasqu to bring with him thairto the verificatioun of the said burgh of Forres lawfull citatioun; and gevis heirby licence to Maister Iames Dumbar, commissioner for the said burgh of Forres, for the caussis schawin to thame, licence to disolue fra this presentt conuention, quha in name of the said burgh ratefeis and apprevis all and quhatsumever thing is or salbe concludit heiratt; and Maister Ihonn Ros commissioner for Glasqu protested in respect the wairning was verefeit sufficientlie, incais the samyn be now tintt, sall nocht preiuge the said burgh.

The same day, anentt thatt heid of the missive quhairas the commissioneris of the burrowis of Edinburgh, Dondy, Perth, and Abirdene, auditouris of the generall collectouris comptis, war ordanitt at the last generall conuention haldin att Glasqu in Iuly last to have brocht with thame to this presentt conuention the said generall collectouris comptis, to the effect the commissioneris now convenitt mycht mak thair particular burrowis certefeitt of the haill proceeding and effect thair of, and finding thatt without the personal presence of the said collectour or his depute they culd nocht insist heirintill, thairfoir hes continewitt and continewis the ressouing and hering of the saidis comptis to the nixt conuention of the estaitis to be haldin at Edinburgh the xxiiij day of this instantt, and incais the samyn hald nocht, to the nixt conuention quhatsumever of

Cowane commissioner for Stirveling to repointt the worth of the excyse of beir and wyne in Campfer.

Commissioner Forres licenci-att to disolue and appreving actis.

Power to four burrowis to heir collectouris comptis, and he to be wairnit to have the same in radynes agane the nixt conuention, quhatsumever.

he saidis burrowis ; geving heirby power to the saidis four burrowis, with sic vther burrowis as pleissis to ony the saidis conventions to convene, than to heir and sute the saidis comptis ; and ordanis the commissioneris of the burgh of Edinburgh to cause mak wairning to the said collectour and his deputes precesly to have agane the said first convenioun quhatsumer his saidis comptes in radyness, and to keip the said convenioun aither be thame selues or thair sufficient procuratouris haif and thair sufficient powar to thatt effectt to produce sufficient diligence or paymentt but excuse or delay.

Continuatioun,
Edinburgh his
sute of reimburs-
mentt of xij^e
markis, and in-
teres payitt
thairfoir, to the
nixt general
convenioun of
burrowis.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis, efter lang resoning vpoun thatt heid of the missive concerning the craving to the magistratis of the burgh of Edinburgh of reimbursmentt of tuelff hundreth markis and interes payitt thairfoir aduancitt to Adam Fowellertoun, as be dyueris actis of burrowis will appeir, hes continewit and continewis as of befoir all ansueir geving thairto to thair next generall assemblee of burrowis, quhen as they ordane the magistratis of the said burgh to produce the contract and instructionis gevin be thame to the said Adam the tyme of his first sending to Ingland, to the effect they may be certefeit of the said Adamis diligence and proceedingis in the effaires quhairfoir he was sentt, and ordanis this presentt to be contenit in the missives to be direct to the burrowis to the effect thatt at the nixt generall assemblee of burrowis resolute ansuer may be gevin heirto ; and the commissioneris of befoir dissassenting now lykewyis disassentis, lyke as the commissioneris of the said burgh of Edinburgh disassentis to all forther continuatioun, craving conforme to the tennour of the last act of continwatioun maid at Glasqu in Iuly last the saidis burrowis fynall ansuer heirintill, and vpoun thair refusall askitt instrumentis protesting for remeid of law, alsweill for paymentt of the said principall sovme of xij^e markis as interes sensyne payitt thairfoir.

Apud Sanctandrois xij^o Aprilis 1589.

Continuatioun
Guthrie clerk
in his office of
clarkship for
ane zeir locum.

THE QUHILK DAY, the foirsaidis commissioneris respecting the diligint and agreabill service done to thame and thair predecessouris in the office of generall clarkship to the burrowis thir mony and dyueris zeris

bypast be Ihonn Guthre thair generall clark, hes continewit and continue wis him for the space of ane zeir frome the moneth of Iuly next thairin ill, referring his said zeris stipend to the gude will, modificatioun, and discretioun of the commissioneris of burghis to convene att thair nixtt generall conventioun quhairever the samyn salbe appointed to be haldin, ordan yng the said Ihonn, or he pas furth of this toвне, to extract to euery particular commissioner the actis maid at this presentt conventioun vpoun the prices appointed to him thairfoir and mentionatt in the act maid at Perth in anno 1582 zeris, sua being they requyre of him the samyn and mak paymentt thairfoir. And as towartt the paymentt to him of his bygane stipend, viz., frome the moneth of Iuly last in the zeir of God j^m v^c lxxxviii zeris to the moneth of Iuly nixt in this instant zeir of God j^m v^c four scoir nyne zeris, extending to ane hundreth pundis, ordanis him to be payitt and satifeitt thairof of the first and rediest of the customes, impoist, and vnlawis ingathering, quhensoeuer and quhowsons the samyn beis collectitt, and thatt be the collectour thairof, and this presentt ordinance together with the said Ihonnis discharge sall serue for ane discharge to him of the samyn, butt preiudice alwyis of payment to the said Ihonn of thre scoir pundis awand to him be the said collectour in compleitt paymentt of his zeris stipend of ane hundreth pundis frome Iuly in the zeir of God 1587 to Iuly last in anno 1588 zeris; and as for paymentt to him of his ordinar bygane expenssis frome the generall conuention last haldin att Edinburgh in anno 1587, continewis the ordour taking thairanentt to thair next generall assemblie quhairever itt salhappin to be haldin.

The same day, anentt the continuatioun of ane ansueir to the burrowis of Sanctandros, Craill, and Dysartt, craving supportt to thair de kayitt harberies, consentis thatt for reparrelling thairof sic dewty of schoir syluer sall for thre zeris nixttocum be vplifted att thair particular poirttis of sic gudes as salbe induring the said space transported furth thairof as is vplifted att the poirtt and hawin of Dondy, in maner and forme as thair collectour vpliftis the samyn; provyding alwyis thatt at the ische and outrunnyng of the saidis thre zeris the saidis burrowis sall desist and ceis from ony further vplifting thairof, and be astricted to compte to the saidis burrowis of thair bestowing of the said dewtie vpoun the beittment of thair saidis de kayitt harberies; and incais the samyn be nocht employitt

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beries.

thairupon to find cautioun the samyn salbe furthcumand to the commoun effaires of burrowis, and gif need beis thatt letteris and executorialis alsweill at the said burghis instance as haille burrowis be raisit, purchest, and execute heirvpoun in forme as efferis; and dischargis the said burgh of Craill from this day furth of ony forther vplifting of the dewtie appointed to be vplifted for making of Henry Nesbetis expenssis to France for the caussis mentionat in the actis maid thairanentt, provyding the saidis burrowis gevin in thair supplicatioun to the Kingis Maiestie to thatt effect, and obtene of his Hienes of the samyn etc.

The samyn day, efter aduysementt with the supplicatioun presented to thame be Hew Brown, commissioner of the burgh of Irrowyne, craving thair consentis to the vplifting of ane certan dewtie for reparrelling of thair deokayitt brig, condiscendis thatt for the space of fyve zeris nixtocum the magistratis of the said burgh, be thameselues and thair collectouris, vplift of euery laid on horsbak cuming lang thair said brig four penies, and of euery mannis burding cuming langis as said is twa penneis; quhilkis dewties to be collected the saidis burrowis ordanis to be bestowit vpoun the beitting and mending of the said deokayitt brig as said is, and ordanis ane supplicatioun to be gevin to the Kingis Maiestie heirfoir.

Linlithquis
vnlaw remittit.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis hes remittitt and remittis to the burgh of Linlithqu thair vnlaw of tuenty pundis, quhairunto they war adiugit for nocht vsing of the diligence mentionatt in the act maid att Iuly last, anentt the wairning of thair customer to haif comperitt and maid compte of his intromissioun with the bygane customes of the said burgh to the auditouris conuenit in September last to the hering thairof, and this in respect Androw Kar, commissioner for the said burgh, verefeitt sufficientlie the doing of the diligence contenit in the said act as said is.

Continuatioun
ansuer and
persute, Alane
Lentroun.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis for the maist pairtt continewis the ansuer to Thomas Lentrounis supplicatioun and persute of the actioun depending att the instance of the four burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondy, and Aberdene aganis Alane Lentroune sone to the said Thomas, vnto thair nixt generall conventioun of burrowis, and the samyn be rememberit in the missives to be direct to the burrowis for keping of the said nixt generall conuentioun; and heirvnto the commissioneris of

the saidis four burrowis, as contractouris and persewaris of the said Alane, disassented.

The same day, the foirsaidis commissioneris aprevis the vplifting be the burgh of Pettinweme of the fourtt pairtt of ane pek of euery laid or sekful of wictuall mett within thair said burgh, provyding all oure Souerane Lordis liegis bringing wictuall thairto be seruitt hous maill frie thairof, with canvess and siffis, but ony forther dewtie nor the said fourtt pairtt, craving thairfoir ; quhairvpoun Maister Alexander Kelly, commissioner for Dumbar, askitt instrumentis.

Pettinwemes dewtie, fourt part pek, Dumbar.

The same day, the commissioneris suspendis the vplifting of the burgh of Narnis vnlaw for thair absence frome thair last conuention generall at Glasqu in Iuly 1588 vnto thair nixt generall conuention quhairever the samyn salbe appoynted to be haldin ; and Maister Ihonn Ros, commissioner for the burgh of Glasqu, protested thatt nochtwithstanding the said suspensioun the same suld be nawyis preiudicial to the said burgh of Glasqu, insafar as thair lawfull citatioun to have comperit thairto was sufficientlie verefeitt, etc.

Narnis vnlaw suspenditt and Glasquis protestatioun.

The same day, anent the support cravitt be Ihonn Clapan, commissioner for the burgh of Bruntiland, craving support to the vpbigging of ane kirk within thair said burgh, continewis the ansuer geving thairto to thair next generall conuenticoun of burrowis, and to remember the same in the missives to be direct thairto that the commissioneris than to convene cum instructed to determine thairintill.

Supplicatioun of Bruntiland to be remem-beritt in missives.

The same day, remittis vnto the burgh of Kingorn thair vnlaw of twenty pundis incurrit be thame for nocht causing of thair customer to mak his comptes of the bygane customes thairof to the auditouris appoynted thairto to haif hard the samyn att Edinburgh in September last, provyding the said burgh bestow the samyn to the beittiment of deokayitt schoir of Petticur, certefeing the magistratis thairof incais the samyn be nocht bestowit in maner foirsaid, and sufficient compte nocht maid at thair next generall conuention of burrowis of the bestowing of the samyn vpoun the beittment of the said schoir, thatt the said vnlaw salbe than ordanit to be vplifted but faouris, and Ihonn Boiswell, commissioner of Dumfermling, souerty the same salbe done, etc.

Kingornis vn-law remittit vpoun prouision, etc.

The same day etc., the commissioneris foirsaidis remittis vnto Iames Andersoun, clark of Cowper, the vnlaw of ten li., incurrit be the said

Cowpar vnlaw ten li. remittit.

burgh for nocht making be him as customer thair of his comptes of customary in Edinburgh in September last, and this in respect of the making and payment thair of sensyne, and thatt his diseis of seikness was impediment than thatt he maid nocht the samyn.

Continuatioun
answer to
Thayne.

The same day etc. continewis the ansuer geving to Schir William Keith, provest of Thayne, gevin in be him in name of the magistratis and inhabitantis thair of.

Strivelingis
vnlaw remittit
etc.

The same day, remittis Streveling thair vnlaw of twenty li. for nocht sending thair commissioner to Edinburgh in September last, and nocht making be thair customer than of thair comptes, in respect of the tryell of the said customeris diseis than, and gaif the samyn to the said William in respect of his gude service done befor.

Augmenta-
tioun dewties
Irrowingis
brig.

The same day, aggreis thatt vnto the dewties mentionatt in Irrowinis act for supporting thair brig thair be eikitt the dewties following, viz. ane penny of ilk fute man, twa penneis of ilk ox and kow, ane penny of twa schiep, of ilk hors but burding twa penneis the man being comprehendit, and this to indure the said space of fyve zeris etc., provyding they mak zeir lie at the generall conuentioun compte of the bestowing of the saidis dewties vpoun thair said dekayitt brig, and thatt the said burgh geve in thair supplicatioun to the Kingis Maiestie for obteneing ane gift thair of.

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Narne exemitt
for thre zeris
from keping of
conventionis.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis hes exemitt and exemis the burgh of Narne from keping of all conuentioun of burrowis for the space of thre zeris nixtocum, provyding thatt at the next generall assemblee thair of they send thairto quhairever the samyn salhappin to be haldin, with the burgh ewest vndispensitt with, thair autentik missive seillit and subscryuit be the provest baillies counsall and clark in name of the communitie thair of, appreving all and quhatsumever actis, lawis, or constitutionis beis in the menetye att ony conuentiounis intervening concludit on; certefeing William Tulloche, presentt commissioner for the said burgh, thatt incais the said missive be nocht sentt to the said next generall conuentioun thatt the samyn salbe vnlawit in ane vnlaw of twenty li. as burgh nocht comperand.

The same day, etc., exemis the burgh of Abirbrothok from keping of all conuentionis for the space of thre zeris nixtocum, provyding att the nixt generall assemblee of burrowis Ihonn Haillis, presentt commissioner for the said burgh, cause sufficient caution be found thatt the sovme of thre scoir pundis be employitt vpoun the vpbigging of thair kirk, and thatt ane autentik missive sufficientlie seillit and subscryuit thatt induring the tyme of the exemptioun the provest baillies counsall and communitie of the said burgh sall thairby appreve all and quhatsumever lawis and constitutionis beis in the menetye concludit on, and incais the said missive and caution beis nocht sentt and found to the said nixt generall assemblee that the said burgh salbe adiugit in ane vnlaw of twenty pundis as nocht comperand.

The same day, the commssioneris fairsaidis statutis and ordanis, and for ane law perpetuallie to be obseruit vniuersallie throw all the burrowis of this realme concludis, decernis, and ordanis, that na possessour within burgh nor outwith the same of ony pairtt or portioun of the commoun landis, commoun gudes, customes alsweill small as greitt, mylnis, fischingis, and vther commoun casualities quhatsumeuer of burgh, presume or tak vpoun hand to hinder or stay the rowping thair of vnder pretence of kyndnes, possessioun, or vtherwyis inordinarly contrair the weillfair and commoditie of the burgh, bot that the samyn salbe rowpitt and putt to the vtter and best availl, without contradiction of ony persoun inwith or outwith the saidis burrowis, vnder the payne of tynsall of thair libertie and fredomes and never fra thyne furth to bruik office thairin, provyding alwayis that the titularis provyditt to takis or fewis of the samyn or ony thair of be nocht preiugitt heirby, and thatt the prouest baillies counsall and communitie of the saidis burrowis sall sett and putt to vtter availl and proffitt thair saidis commoun landis, commoun gude, and customes alsweill small as greitt, mylnis, fischingis and vther casualities quhatsumeuer, alsweill namit as vnnamit, to the incres of the saidis burrowis and euery particular burgh, as they and euery ane of thame wilbe ansuerabill to the Kingis Maiestie. As alsua thatt the saidis commoun revenues befor the setting thair of be rowpitt thre seuerall dayis, aucht dayis interceding betuinx euery ane thair of, and the space of the thre seuerall days rowping continew frome aughtt houris to tuelff houris befor none, and incais ony pairty oppone thame selues in the contrair heirof,

Abirbrothok
exemitt for
thre zeris frome
keping of con-
uentionis.

Actt for row-
ping of com-
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within burgh,
perambula-
tioun zeirle of
thair marchis,
and repositt
thair of to euery
seuerall gener-
all conuention

the haill burrowis presentlie conuenit for thame selues, and remanentt of thair nomber absentt, promesis concurrence and assistance to se the contravenaris dewlie pyneist in thair personis and gudes, conforme to iustice. Forther, to the effect the executioun heiroyf may be att euery seuerall generall conuentioun maid notour to the commissioneris of burrowis thairatt to convene, ordanis the magistrattis of burrowis, quhair commoun rentis ar, to send thair commissioneris fullie instructed to euery ane of the saidis generall conventionis to repoirrt thair diligence of the dew executing of this actt and contentis thairrof. Siclyke, thatt the provest, baillies, counsall, and communitie of ilk burgh zeirlye, anis in the zeir, perambulat thair haill marchis, sua thatt they be nochtt preiugitt be ony persoun thairin, and thatt vnder the payne of twenty li. to be vplifted of ilk burgh failland, but fauouris, and thatt lykewayis, vpoun this thair perambulation zeirlye to be vsitt, att euery seuerall generall conuentioun as said is, dew repoirrt be maid be the commissioneris appoynted to convene thairto.

To remember
the alteration
of taxtt rollis in
missives.

The same day, etc., ordanis the magistratis of Abirdene to cause wairne the burrowis to send thair commissioneris instructed for alteration of the generall taxtt roll of ane hundreth li., and to remember the same in missives to be direct thairto.

Na chepmen to
sell staipill
wairis in greitt
or small.

The quhilk day it is statute and ordanit thatt na maner of chepman or vtheris vnfrie personis inwith or outwith burrowis presume or tak vpoun [hand], within the samyn, in oppin mercattis or vtherwyis, to sell ony maner of staipill gudes in greitt or small, vnder the payne of confiscation and escheting thairrof be the dene of gild of the burgh quhairas the samyn beis apprehenditt, or vtherwyis in the burrowis quhairin na dene of gild is electitt be the magistratis heiroyf, and thatt ilk burgh mak publicatioun of this presentt ordinance thatt nane pretend ignorance.

Supplication
to be presented
to the Kingis
Grace and Es-
taittes for cun-
zie.

The samyn day, ordanis thatt att the nixt generall conuentioun of the Estaitis thair be ane speciall article or supplication maid, lamenting the greitt lois sustenit be the insufficiencie of cunzie, quhairby the inhabitantis of His Maiesties burrowis and vtheris his Hienes leigis ar gretumlie preiugitt and hurtt, and thatt itt wuld pleis his Grace and Estaitis to provyde remeid thairto.

Forfaris mis-
sive to be re-
memberitt in
missives.

The samyn day ordanis the burrowis to send thair commissioneris fullie instructed to the nixt generall assembly of burrowis to geve

anser to the supplicatioun gevin in to thame be the commissioner of Forfar aganis the burgh of Dondie.

The same day, assignis to Patrik Bonkill, clark to the burgh of Sanct-androis, the vnlaw of the burgh of Bamff for thair nochtt comperance to this presentt conuentioun being lawfully wairnit thairto, as was sufficientlie verefeitt be writt be the dene of gild of the said citie, quhilk vnlaw extendis to twenty li.; and this conforme to the actis maid of befor thatt euery clark of the burgh quhair the burrowis convenis to thair generall assemblies suld haif for the wryting of the missives direct to burrowis ane vnlaw for wryting thair of.

Vnlaw Banff
assignitt to
Boncle, clark,
Sanctandrois.

The same day, exemis the burgh of Lawder frome keping of all conuentionis during the space of thre zeris, except the samyn be haldin be south Forth, and vpoun the vther prouisionis mentionatt in the exemptioun of the burgh of Narne, etc.

Lawderis ex-
emptioun for
thre zeris.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis finding thame selues gretunlie hurtt be the extenting be the Lordis of Secreitt Counsall of thair particular burrowis att all tymes quhenas ane generall extentt of the Estaittis occurris, expres contrair thair liberties, hes ordanitt thatt to the nixtt generall conuentioun of the Estaitis foirsaidis ane supplicatioun be maid craving remeid heirto, and thatt they may be reponitt to thair ancient privilegis in extenting of thame selues and be na vtheris.

Supplicatioun
to be maid for
discharging
Lordis to ex-
tent the bur-
rowis.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis hes statute and ordanitt thatt na maner of pirattis be ressett or interteneitt att ony frie sea poirtt within this realme, or be ony persoun or persounis duelland thairin, nor be furneist in ony maner of viuers or vther necessaris quhatsumever, as alsua that nane beir or hant thair compainie; certefeing all sic as contravenis this presentt ordinance that they salbe condinglie pvneist in thair personis and gudes thairfoir be the magistratis of the saidis sea poirtis quhairas heirefter itt salhappin the saidis pirattis to arryve; and incais the saidis magistratis beis found negligent in putting of this presentt statute to dew executioun to the suppressing of the foirnamit pirattis thatt they and euery ane of thame sall incur the payne and vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis sa oft as they failzie; and the magistratt doing his vtter diligence for putting of this act to dew executioun and the inhabitantis of the sea poirtt quhairas occasioun salbe offerrit of assistance nochtt assisting, thatt the refusaris to assist sall incur the said

Thatt the ma-
gistratis of ilk
sea poirtt resist
pirattis.

payne and vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis, and the samyn to be vplifted of thame and euery ane of thame butt fauouris.

Commissioneris to wairne their magistratis to wairne the customeris to pay their bygane customes.

The same day, it is ordanit thatt euery commissioner presentlie conuenit wairne the magistratis of their particular burrowis to vse the wairning mentionatt in the act maid at Glasqu in July last, for wairning of their customaris to cum to the burgh of Edinburgh and mak paymentt to the collectour of the Beltan terme of their intromissioun bygane with the Kingis Maiesties customes, vnder the paynis contenit in the saidis actis.

Auditouris appointed to heir customer and collectouris comptis.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis nominatis and appointis the burrowis of Edinburgh, Dondy, Perth, and Abirdene, with sic vther burrowis as plesis to conuene, to be auditouris of the customeris comptis of this realme and of the collectouris comptis of his bygane intromissioun with the bygane customes, vnlawis, extentis, taxationis, and impoistis, and to conuene to thatt effect att the burgh of Edinburgh vpoun the tuenty day of October nixt; ordaining the said collectour, vpoun the burrowis chargis, to cause rais letteris for summoning of the saidis pairties and euery ane of thame to compeir day and place abouementionatt to the effect aboue expremit, vnder the paynis contenit in the actis maid of befor.

Supplicatioun to be presented to the Kingis grace for the conseruatour to be placitt.

The same day, vnderstanding Maister George Hacquett, conseruatour, to be in poyntt of death, quhairby incais of his deceis the preuilege in electing of ane new conseruatour is, except ane vther in tyme he nocht provyditt, to be preiugitt, to the greitt hurt of burrowis, thairfoir ordanis ane supplicatioun to be maid and presented to the Kingis Maiestie, desyring in their names thatt efter the deceis of the said Maister George, George Kincaid factour in Campfeir, be his Hienes aduyce, be placit in his rovme, or vtherwayis that sic vther as salbe found mair qualefeit to the functioun of the said office of conseruatour may haif the samyn be his Hienes and thair aduyces, att the nixt generall assemblee of the Estaitis occurrand.

Supplicatioun to be maid for transporting hydes.

The samyn day, ordanis ane supplicatioun in their names to be gevin in to the Kingis Maiestie, desyring the restraint of transporting of hydis furth of this realme to be annullit, seing the samyn is ane greit hurtt to the merchant estaitt and na thing helpfull to the liegis of this realme.

Supplicatioun to be maid for remeid of certan nychtbouris, laitlie pilleit be Dunkirkeris.

The same day, ordanis ane supplicatioun to be made and gevin in to the Kingis Maiestie and Estaitis, mening the greit lois of laitt sustenit be Alexander Iaffrey burges in Abirdene, Alane Lentroun citinar of Sanct-

androis, Alexander Selkirk and Charles Methwen thair, Thomas Man in Dondy, and dyueris vtheris, in thair hamecuming from England, be the pillage of their gudes and misusing of thair personis be certan piratt Dunkirkeris, and thatt it wald pleis his Hienes to grant letteris to arrest all personis and veschellis belonging to the said tovne, to remane quhill remeid be found for the greit lois sustenit as said is ; as alsua thatt his Hienes wald direct his fauorabill missive to the Prince of Parm to se the saidis complenaris restoiritt to thair gudes pilleitt, or avaiill thairof. And anentt the forther ansuer, concerning supportt craving be the saidis complenaris, continewis the same to the nixtt generall assemblee of Estaitis to be haldin at Edinburgh the xxiiij day of this instantt moneth of April.

The samyn day, anentt the suppoirtt cravitt be the commissioner of Dumbartan in name of the inhabitantis thairof, craving ane certan imposit of gudes for ane certan space to be grantitt to thame for helping of thair college, continewis ansuer geving thairto to thair nixt generall assemblee of burrowis and ordanis the samyn to be contenit in the missives to be direct thairto.

The same day, Daudid Watsoun, commissioner for the burgh of Sanctandrois, producitt the Kingis Maiesties missive direct to the said burgh for conuening of the commissioneris of burrowis att the said burgh vpoun the tentt day of this instantt Aprile, nochtwithstanding the appointing be thame at thair generall assemblee haldin at Glasqu of the halding of the samyn at the said burgh of Sanctandrois in Iuly nixt, as alsua producitt certan his Hienes articles lykewyis direct to the saidis commissioneris as the said missive, redelyuerit to the said Daudid, of the daitt the day of Februar 1588, and the saidis articles lykewyis redelyuerit to him, of the daitt the xiiij day of the said moneth of Februar, at lenth proportis, quhilkis missives and articles he daylie, induring this presentt conuention, presented to thame. The saidis commissioneris haiffing continually sen the said tentt day of Apryle abiddin the heir cuming of his Maiesties Comptroller or Auditouris of his Maiesties Chakker for thair conference thairanentt, and thai nocht comperand, and siclyke haiffing consideratioun of the effect of the saidis articles quhairwith they culd nocht be resolut without conference with the said Comptroller or Auditouris fairsaidis, disoluit this thair conuention for this present ; quhairvpoun and vpoun

Supplicatioun
Dumbartan to
be rememberitt
in missives.

Watsoun, com-
missioner for
Sanctandrois,
Kingis Maies-
ties missive,
and articles, &c.

the diligence done be the magistratis of the said citie for conuening of the saidis burrowis, Dauid Watsoun, commissioner and producar foirsaidis, askitt instrumentis.

Desolving present convention and appointing ane vther att Abirdene.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris of burrowis presentlie conuenit desoluis this thair conventioun, and appoyntis thair nixt generall conventioun to be haldin at Abirdene vpoun the aucht day of Iunij in the zeir of God j^m v^e. four scoir ten; and ordanis the commissioner of the said burgh of Abirdene to aduerteis the magistratis thair of to cause mak lawfull wairning to euery ane of the burrowis to send thair commissioneris fullie instructed to conuene day and place abouewrittin, vnder the payne of twenty pnnidis.

Henrie Charteris.
 Eduerd Galbraith.
 Dionis Conqueriour.
 Dauid Vatsoun.
 Mr I. Ross.
 Mr Alex^r. Kellie.
 H. Broun.
 Dauid Brentoun.
 I. Ramsay.
 Williame Gibsone.
 Ihone Bowsy.
 Iames Smollatt.
 William Paitrie.
 Ihone Halis.
 Io^h Bosuel.
 I. Anstruther.
 George Durie.
 Iasper Cunig for Innernes.

Robert Flescher.
 Mr Ihon Cheane.
 Andro Ker.
 George Cochrane.
 Walter Cowane.
 Iames Peterson.
 George Suttie, Wm. Hop-
 pringill, Adam Mudder-
 rill, with oure handis
 &c., I. GUTHRIE.
 A. Broun.
 Thomas Hendersson.
 Williame Browne.
 Thomas Kingzow.
 Roger Gordoun.
 Ihone Clepan.
 Iames Law.
 Wm. Tulloc

Apud Edinburgh penultimo Augusti anno j^m v^c lxxxix^o.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris of the burrowis vndersubscryvand being sentt for be the missives direct to thame be his Hienes for furtherance of his Maiesties mariage, hes, att his graces desyir, for thame selues and haill remanent burrowis of this realme, concluditt thatt with all diligence possibill thair salbe ane generall extentt of tuenty thowsand pundis sett and vplifted of thair haill number according to the generall extentt roll of burrowis. For collectioun and ingathering of the quhilk extent, condiscendis thatt Ihonn Arnott, provest of the said burgh of Edinburgh, sall nominatt and appoint ane collectour for quhome his lordschip salbe haldin to ansuer to the burrowis for dew executioun of his office of collectoury. And the saidis commissioneris willis for thameselues, and thair remanent society of burrowis thatt vpoun this presentt actt and ordinance letteris and executoriallis of horning be obtenit and execute in due forme as efferis etc. The commissioneris names convenand ar: for Edinburgh, Ihonn Arnott provest; for Perth, Dioneis Conquerour; for Dondie, William Duncan; for Glasqu, Maister Ihonn Ros; for Linlithqu, Androw Kar; for Dysartt, Iames Hacquett; for Innerkething, George Dury; for Kingorn, Androw Broun; for Cowpar, Peter Petersoun; for Sanctandris, Alexander Carstairis; for Striveling, Walter Cowane; for Craill, Iames Geddy; for Dunfermling, Patrik Murray; for Kirkcaldy, Androw Young; for Hadingtoun, Alexander Symssoun; for Dumbar, Maister Alexander Kelly; for Anstruther, Ihonn Anstruther.

Ane extent of
xxm li ordanit
to be vplifted of
the burrowis
for furtherance
of the Kingis
Maiesties Mar-
iage, etc.

I. Arnote, provest.

Dionis Conqueriour, commissioner.

G. Durie.

Andro Ker.

I. Anstruther.

A. Broun commissioner for
Kingorne.

William Duncan, commissioner
for Dundie.

James Hackat commissioner for
Dysert.

M. Iohne Ros commissioner for
Glasgw.

A. Zoung commissioner for
Kirkcaldy.

Abirdene.

In the Conventioun of Burrowis hauldin and begun at the burgh off Abirdene the aucht day of Iunij, and continewing to the fyvetene day of the said moneth of Iunij, the zeir of God I^m V^c fourscoir ten zeiris, Comperit the Commissionaris of Burrowis following, vnder subscriyuand, quha producit thair commissionis and the missives efter specefeit.

Edinburgh, Maister Iames Iohnnstoun, and George Heriot ; Kinghorn, Iohnn Kirkcaldye ; Innerkethining, George Durie ; Striuling, Walter Cowan ; Linlythqw, Androw Kar ; Ranfrow be ane missive producit be Iohnn Farquhar commissioner for Glasgw ; Rutherglen be ane missive : Glasgw, Iohnn Farquhar ; Wigtoun be commissioun producit be the said Iohnn Farquhar ; Jedburgh, be ane missive presentit be Maister Iames Iohnnstoun ; Peiblis be ane missive producit be the said Maister Iames ; Haddingtoun, Iohnn Aytoun ; Northberuik, Robert Oliver ; Dunbar, Maister Alexander Kellye ; Abirdene, Maister Thomas Menzes of Dorne prouest, and Alexander Rutherfurd ; Dondye, Iames Auchinlek ; Perth, Dioneis Conquerour ; Banff, Alexander Currou ; Dunfermling, William Pratons ; Craill, Iohnn Makesoun ; Forfar, Androw Hunter ; Breichin, Daud Dempster ; Montrois, Iames Makene ; Elgyne, Iohnne Annand ; Inverness, Thomas Kar ; Abirbrothok, Thomas Persoun ; Sanct-andros, Daud Watsoun ; Coupar, Peiter Petirsoun ; Forres, Thomas Vrqhart ; Narne, be ane commissioun sent be the commissioner of Elgyn ; Dysert, Iames Hacquett ; Kirkcaldye, Iohnn Hacquett ; Pettinweme, Thomas Kingzow ; Bruntilland, Maister Androw Wilsoun ; Anstruther be eist the burn, Iohnn Alexander.

Apud Abirdene Octauo Iunij 1590.

Electioun of the
Moderatour.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissionaris forsaidis electis and nominatis, in absence of Maister Thomas Menzes of Dorne prouest of the burgh of

Abirdene, Alexander Rutherford secund in commissioun, in moderatour to this present assemblye and conventioun of burrowis, conforme to the actis maid and sett doun thairanent in all conventiounis of burrowis.

The same day, findis that nochtwithstanding of the production of ane certane excuse allegit be Walter Cowan, commissioner for Striuling, for the burch of Dunbartan, seing the burch of Dunbartan is nocht exemit, that thay haue incurit the pane and vnlaw of twentye poundis, for thair absens fra this present conventioun.

Dunbartan vn-lawit.

The same day, anent the contnewatioun and ordinance maid and insert in this buik of conventioun towardis the diligence to haue ben reportit to this present conventioun be the commissioneris of Abirbrothok quha war ordanit at the last generall conventioun hauldin at Sanctandrows, to haue reportit be thair commissioner, to haue bene sent heirto, thair diligens vpoun the bestowing of the sowme of thrie scoir poundis vpon the reparrelling of thair kirk, Thomas Peirsoun present commissioner for the said burch, as cautioner thairfoir, obleissis him at the nixt generall assemblye of burrowes to report thairto the bestowing thairof, vnder the forme of ane autentik testimoniall, as alsua to send to the said conventioun nixt approachand thair misseue appreving all thingis salhappin to be concludit thairat, prouyding this his compeirance be na wayis preiudiciall to thair exemptioun hauldin at Sanctandrows last.

Abirbrothokis commissioner to report testimoniall to the nixt conventioun.

The same day, findis the lauchfull warning maid be Maister Thomas Mollysoun, and vtheris in his name, to the haill burrowes of this realme, for thair conventioun to this present assemblye, to be valeid, and, in respect of thair lauchfull citatioun, the burrowis absent to haue incurit ilk ane of thame the sowme of twentye poundis. And vpoun the said diligence of warning the said Maister Thomas askit instrumentis, etc.

Diligence, Abirdene, warning burrowis.

The same day, etc., conforme to the ordour obseruit in general conventiounis, ordanis and statutes, that all commissioneris presentlye conuenit, conuenie thame selffis daylye induring thair remaining, on the preiching dey be ten houris before none to sitt quhill tuelff houris, and to conuenie thairefter at tua houris efter none and sitt quhill sax houris, and on the vther deysis at nyne houris in maner before expremit, vnder the pane of sax s. viij d. to be vplifit, butt fauouris, of euerye commissioner contrauenand this present ordinance.

Ordour anent the conuening at this conventioun.

Protestation
Cheine *contra*
commissionaris
of Abirdene.

The quhilk day, comperit Maister Iohnn Cheyne for him selff, and as burges of the burch of Abirdene, and ane of the counsall thair of, and in name and behalf of the communitie of the samin, as he allegit, protestit that Maister Thomas Menzes of Dorne, and Alexander Rutherfurde be na wayes ressauiet commissioneris for the said burch, at this present convention, in sa far, as he allegit, thay ar na wayes chosin be sound of bell, consent of the communitie, nor ony publicatioun preceeding thair pretendit electioun ; as alsua, in respect that the saidis persounis ar suspitious to be commissioneris for the said burch, for ressonis to be gevin in be him and the remanentis names : To quhome the saidis commissioneris assignis tua houris efter none, to give in, before thame, the same. And the said Alexander Rutherfurde, as commissioner for the said burch protestit in the contrair, in sa far as he hes producit ane sufficient commissioun, autentiklye subscryuit be the commoun clerk of the said burch, and givin vnder the seill of caus thair of, conforme to the ordour and constitutionis of burrowes, ressauiet and admittit, and he thairby in absence of the prouest, as secund in commissioun, electit moderatour to this present convention.

Certane res-
sonis gevin in
be the procura-
touris for ane
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munitie of
Abirdene, gan-
is the prouest
baillies and
counsall thair-
of.

The same day, efter aduysement vpoun the desyir of the protestatioun aboue expremitt to be admittit be Maister Iohnn Cheyne for him selff, and in name of the communitie of the burch of Abirdene, contrair the electioun and admissioun of Maister Thomas Menzes prouest, and Alexander Rutherfurde, commissioneris for the said burch, findis that, notwithstanding the allegeances proponit in the contrair be the said Maister Iohnn and Androw King procuratouris for ane certane of the communitie off Abirdene, that in respect of the saidis burrowis auld lawes and constitutionis maid anent the admissioun of commissioneris at euerye thair generall and suerall conventionis of burrowes, the saidis Maister Thomas and Alexanderis commissioun is valede and effectuell, and thairby to be admittit conforme to thair act aboue expremitt, becaus the said commissioun is gevin vnder the seill of caus of the said burch, and vnder the subscription of the commoun clerk thair of, and thay chosin be the prouest, baillies, and counsall of the said burch, as all commissioneris, chosin to conventionis generall and suerall of burrowes according to the custome of vtheris burrowes of this realme ar chosin; and thairefter the said Androw King ressauiet vp his procuratioun producit,

dissassenting to the admissioun of the said commissioneris, and that thair ressonis, presentlye producit, may be registrat and insert in this thair generall buik of conventioun in forme as efferis, to be gevin and extractit vnder thair generall clerkis subscriptioun; off the quhilkis resounis the tennour followes: We Androw Scherar, Daid Dudaucht, Alexander Howysoun, Androw King, William Gray, George Forbes, Maister Iohnn Cheyne, George Laing and Iohnn Layng, George Gordoun, Alexander Ewyn Robertsoun, George Elphynstoun, Laurence Mercer, Iohnn Saunders, Mathow Guild, Alexander Stewin, Alexander Patersoun, Androw Myln, Androw Henresoun, Androw Leslye, and William Hay, all persounis, counsall, burgessis of Abirdene, decannis and craftismen of the samin respectiue, for oure selffis, and in name and behalff of the remanent afflictit memberis of the pure commoun welthe of this burch, desyris zour wisdomes for the tender mercyes of God, zour awin honouris, and as ye will ansueir to his Maiestie, and eueit the gryte perell that may fall in your awin commoun weillis, be suffering of the liberteyes of burch to decay, that ye will tack deligent heid to our maist humble and ressonabill suplicatioun, to the propositioun quhairoff we are vrgit be plane necessitye, and nocht vpon ony lycht inconsiderat motioun, having oftymes callit reparatioun, and altogidder refusit. Item to the effect that we be nocht preiugit in the begynning of zour maist honorabill conventioun, we desir that ane lauchfull commissioner, chosin be the maist pairt of the voitis of the toun, be ressaut, and that Maister Thomas Menzes of Dorne, and Alexander Rutherfurde, pretending thame selffis commissioneris be remowit, first, becaus thay haue chosin furth thame selffis, or at leist ar onlye chosin be ane few number of thair awin freyndis priuatlye, without sound of bell, or conventioun of commouneltie, for advysement of thair awin turnis, quhairanent questioun is debatit befor your wisdomis betwixt the communitie and thame, specialy for inhaleing of thame selffis, thair awin kyn, freyndis, and alyes, in the cheiff offices off the toun, as it war thair awin particular heritages, contenewit in thair personis thir dyuers zeiris togider, by the actis of his Maiesties parliament, quhairby this pure burch is alradeye impouaragit, and liklye to incur His Maiesties wreth and importabill punisment, and for maintenance and appropriating of the commoun guidis and and commoun landis and casualities of this burch, quhilk is, and hes bene

this mony zeiris in thairis and thair freyndis handis, onropit, according to the custome of vther burrowes to putt ony maner of profit or dewtye payit thairfor; Item, in speciall, Maister Thomas Menzes of Dorne can na wayes be commissioner, becaus he as tutour to Gilbert Menzes hes brother or hes withauldin fra the commoun weill of the said toun, the saill small customes thairof, the syss bollis the mettis of coalis, lyme, and salt, the land takis of the said burch, and vtheris commodities of the said burch, without ony payment of ony dewtye, obscuris the haill euidentis of the toun, violentlye mantynes him selff as clerk of the toun without electioun. Item, the said Maister Thomas, being ane landuart barroun, na merchant nor trafficquer, only brocht frome landuert for the mentenance of his freyndis, and continewing of the office of prouestre in thair name, be the assistance of dyueris landuert barrownis hes intruisit him selff in the office of prouestrie, and violentlie continewit him selff thairin, be the spaice of tua yeiris togidder, as his predecessouris hes done continewalye be the space of fyftie yeiris and ma, thairby drawing the estait of His Maiesties frie burch to the similitude and forme of ane burgh of barroney, nocht only aganis his Maiesties lawes bot also aganis the suorne aithis of the haill toun, publictlye convenit at the Michealmes electione of prouest and magistratis in anno fourscoir and sevin yeiris, as the act and ordinance of thair awin buikis will testefye, to the vtter wrak of this haill toun, quhilk act beris in speciall, thay, electar of magistratis for ma yeiris than ane togidder, sall tyne thair fredomes, and incur the paine of periurye, and sa can nocht be commissioner; And for the said Maister Thomas is second thrid feird and nocht in grie defended with the maist pairt of thaus aganis quhome the puire communitie of this toun is to mene thame selffs befour your wisdomis, anentis the wrangis sustenit be the saidis pure commoundis, for reparatioun of the dissipat and waistit commoun guid of this burch. Item, the said Alexander Rutherfurde is in the lyk condition of the said Maister Thomas awin sister sone, and hes mareit his dauchter, aganis quhom also the communitye hes actioun of purprisioun, for vsurping of ane grypt pairt and quantetye of the commoun landis of the said burch, and thairfor he can nawayes be commissioner of the said burch for ws and communitye fairsaid; And thairfor desyris your wisdomes to give ws ane lauchtfull indifferent electit commissioner, that we may the mair

freyley and fairlye mene our vnsufferabill wrangis to your wisdomes; And in caice it might be allegit that the prouest baillies and counsall of Edinburgh, and vtheris certane burrowes of this realme, ar in vse to elect thair commissioneris, the lyk is nocht the cace in Abirdene, becaus nocht onlye is the commissioneris in vse to be chosin with consent of the haille communitie, without quhais consent nane hes bene in vse to haue bene chosin, and althocht sua war as it is, yet the personis nominat ar suspect and can nocht be admittit commissioneris for the ressonis forsaidis; And incaice your wisdomis will admitt thame, we protest for remeid of law, and we the said communitie of Abirdene be nocht hauldin to leid on or agitat ony of thair caussis befor your wisdomes. To the quhilkis pretendit ressouns, contening certane friuoll obiectiounis aganis the validitie of the commission productit be Maister Thomas Menzes, and Alexander Rutherford, commissioneris for Abirdene, the said Alexander Rutherford ansuerit, that the samin in effect was proponit befor the saidis Maister Iohnn and Androw King, and that the said commissioun is alrady admittit and found guid, in sa far as thay war chosin be the prouest baillies and counsall of the said burche according to the custom obseruit in all vther burrowes of this realme, anentis the chesing and electing of commissioneris of burrowis to conventiounis and parliamentis, and according to the forme of all commissionis ressaut fra the commissioneris of burrowes, and admittit this day, and heirtofore.

The same day, efter ressouning vpoun that heid of the missiue concerning the burghes of Edinburghes desyre of reimbursment of xij^e merkis and enteris peyit thairfor and aduancit be thame in name of the burrowes, as thai allegit, to Adame Foullertoun, in thair effairis to England, as in dyueris actis sett down obefoir thairanent at lenth is contenit, and in speciell in ane act maid in the generall assemblye of burrowes at Sanct-androis the elevint dey of Apryle 1589, quhairby the commissioneris of Edinburgh, than present, war ordanit to produce and bring to this present conventioun the contract and instructiounis gevin be thame to the said Adame the tyme of the first sending of him to Inglande in the efferis forsaidis, to the effect the burrowes mycht be certefit of the said Adames deligence and proceedinges in the said mater, continewis all an-suer geving thairto, as obefoir, to thair nixt generall assemblye of burrowes, quhairreuer the samin salhappin to be appoyntit to he hauldin, be-

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caus thai haue nocht satifeit the desir of the said last act maid at Sanctandris, and thairfor can nocht give ansuer to the desir of the said supplicatioun; ordaning the commissioneris of the said burch, now present, as they wald be exped and have ansuer to thair supplicatioun at the said next generall conventioun of burrowes, to satiffye the desyr of the said act maid at Sanctandris, and ordanis the saidis burrowes to send thair commissioneris instructit thairto, and to be rememberit in thair misseves; quhairvnto, and to all continewatioun, the commissioneris of Edinburgh dissassentit, protesting that in respect of the money deleyis haid heirintill, that the persuit heirfor be the law suld na wey be offensabill to the saidis burrowes, but that thai nicht suit readdress herein.

Nono Iunij 1590.

Guthrie, General clerk to burrowis.

The same day, the commissioneris forsaidis efter lang ressoning vpoun that heid of the misseue, quhairvnto thay war ordanit to cum instructit to give ansuer concerning the continewatioun of Iohnn Guthrie, thair generall clerk, in his office of clerkschipe to thame, and maner of payment of his bygane stypend, and expenssis in keiping of thair generall conventioun, as is at leynt sett douu in ane act maid at Sanctandris the xij day of Apryle 1589, findis, in respect of the said Iohnnes guid and diligent seruice heirtofor done be him in thair effaris at all tymes quhen occasioun seruit, that for the spaice of ane yeir frome the moneth of Iulij nixt vnto the moneth of Iulij in anno four scoir alevin yeiris, he salbe continewit, lyk as thai continow him in the said office of generall clerkschipe, vpoun the conditiounis mentionat in his first act of admissioun. And finding the said Iohnnis stypend of ane hundreth poundis from Iulij four scoir nyn to the moneth of Iulij next to cum to be restand awand vnto him, as alsua his ordinar expenssis in keiping of generall conventiounis sen the conventioun hauldin at Edinburch in November four scoir sevin, that of the first and raddiest of the vnlawes incurrit be the burrowes absent frome this conventioun, he sall, with all deligence possibill, be payit of his said stypend of ane hundreth poundis, and of the sowme off thrie scoir poundis for his bygane expenssis in the keiping of the conventiouns aboue expremitt.

The same day, the commissioneris forsaidis hes adiugit and adiugis the burrowes of Lawder, Irrewene, Air, Dinfres, Kirkcubricht, Quhithorne, Rothesay, Dumbartan, Ranfrow, Ruthuglen, Cullan, and Thayne, to haif incurit, ilkane of thame, the pane and vnlaw of tuenty poundis for thair nocht comperance to this present generall conventioun, the maist pairt thairof, as nocht exemit thairfra, and the rest being exemit, in the nocht obseruing of the tenour of thair act bering that thai at euerye seuerall generall conventioun suld send thair misseue appreuing the haill actis to be concludit thairat, and this in respect of the lauchtfull citatioun vsit, schawin, and producit be Maister Thomas Mollysoun, clerk of Abirdene, to quhome, according to thair actis for sending and serving of the saidis missives direct to the keping of this present conventioun, they assigne the sowme of tuentye poundis, as for the vnlaw of the burch of _____ for thair nocht comperance to this present conventioun, and for collectioun thairof, and of the haill vnlawes aboue expremitt, ordanis the agent to be nominat for the burrowes to be collectour thairof, and gif neid beis, letteris and executoriallis to rais and execute aganis the refusaris to pay, to the effect that of the first and raddiest thairof, the said Iohnn Guthre, clark, may be peyit of his bygane stepend and expenssis modefeit, and the said Maister Thomas of the vnlaw fairsaid; the said collectour alwayes being comptable to the saidis burrowes at thair said nixt generall conventioun vpoun the ingathering and peyment of the saidis vnlawes, deduicing the assignatiouns forsaidis, and his ordinar expenssis, to be debursit for recouery of the samyn.

Vnlawing burrowis absent, and assignatioun of ane part thairof to Guthre clerk, and the clerk of Abirdene, and thair agent to be collectour thairto.

The same dey, anent the continewatioun of ane ansuer to haue bene gevin to ane certane supplicatioun gevin in be Allane Lenton, citiner in Sanctandris, to the commissioneris of burrowes convenit thairat in the moneth of Apryle 1589, craving the actioun depending befor the Loirdis of oure Souerane Loirdis Sessioun, at the instance of the four burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondy, and Abirdene for reimbursing to thame, in name of the remanent burrowes, the sowme off ane thousand merkis givin to him for suppressing of certane piratis being on this coast and Ingland, quhairinto he was ordanit to haue reportit his diligens, and nane, as thai allegit, was producit, quhairvpoun actioun was intentit and dependand befor the saidis Lordis. Findis that the intenteris thairof, in respect of the said Allanis deligence, now at this present conventioun maid notorious

Lentronis actioun befor the Lordis of Sessioun dischargit.

to thame, sall desist frome all forder persuit, and remittis the said Allane simpliciter, and all that he micht have incurrit thairby, sua that he sall incur na danger nor persuit thairfor heirefter, bot simpliciter, as said is, dischargis the said Alane of the said persuit and actioun for euer.

Protestationes
Cheyne, King,
in name of the
communitye of
Abirdeneagan-
is the prouest,
bailleis, and
counsell of the
samen.

The same day, compeirit Androw King for him selff, and sic as ar contenit in the procuratorie producit vpoun the aught day of this instant moneth Iunij, and than tane vp be him, as alsua for the remanent communitye of Abirdene as he allegit, vnder protestatioun nocht authoresand and allowand Alexander Rutherfurd in commissioun for the said burch, nor na thing that he other dois or precidis in this general conventioun of burrowes, that the samin be natlir preiudiciall to him nor communitie forsaid, disallowing, for him selff and in thair nameis, all things done or to be done be the said Alexander in the said conventioun, in sa far as he is na weyis chosin nor admit in commissioner be consent of the communitie of the said burch, according to the obseruit ordour vsit and obseruit continewalye vnto this present conventioun generall, and vnder this protestatioun desyrit the commissioneris of burrowes presentlye conuenit to sett and assigne to him and communitye forsaid ane certane day, befor thair desolving, to give in thair complementis, sic as thai will vse befor thame at this present conventioun, or els to schaw ane caus quhy thay will vse na caus befor thame, and heirvpoun desyrit thair wisdomis ansuer. And the said Alexander Rutherfurd protestit in the contrar, in respect that he is commissioner alraddy ressaut be the commissioneris of burrowes, and his commissioun found guid be thame, it being givin be prouest bailleis and counsell of the said burch, givin vnder the seill of caus, and subscryuit be the commoun clerk thairof, according to the forme of vther burrowes; quhilk protestatioun of the said Alexander, the saidis commissioneris thocht resonabill and cogent (?); and forder the said Alexander askit instrumentis vpoun the said Androwis comperrance, but procuratioun for the communitye allegit, and but ony procuratory givin be thame, bot be him selff alanerlye, adherand to the actis preceeding appreving his admissioun and commissioun thairintill conteinit. And the said Androw King ansuerit that the said Alexander Rutherfurdis allegens suld be repellit, in respect of the procuratioun yisterday schawin, quhilkis the saidis commissioneris repellis, in respect of the vptaking thairof, and assignis to the said Androw the morne be thrie houris efter none to

report his ansuer quhidder he will, for him selff and communitie forsaid, submitt or nocht, as alsua the said Alexander Rutherford to report the counsallis ansuer thairvpoun; quhilk assignatioun and submissioun the said Androw King aluterlye refusit, adherand alanerly to his allegenssis forsaidis.

Apud Abirdene decimo Iunij 1590.

THE QUHILK DAY, the prouest of the burgh of Abirdene, at the desyre of the commissioneris presentlye convenit, gave and givis licience to Maister Iohnn Cheyne, and remanent communitie of the said burch, to assemble and convene thame selffis, with Alexander Forbes and Iohnn Collysoun, tua of the baillies thairrof, in the kirk of the samin, to the effect thay may give ansuer touard the submissioun cravit be the saidis burrowes, in the mater debaitabill betuixt the prouest baillies and counsall, and thame.

Licience to the communitie of Abirdene to convene with twa baillies thairrof.

The same day, the commissioneris forsaidis, efter ressoning vpoun that heid of the missiue desiring and decerning thame to haue come instructit for altering of the generall taxt roll of ane hundreth pound; finding the tyme thairrof nocht prescryuit nor outrun vnto the thrid dey of November nixt, thairfor, at the desyre of the commissioneris of Edinburgh, continewes the alteratioun thairroff into the nixt generall conventioun of burrowes, quahaireuer it salhappin the samin to be appoyntit to be haldin, and ordanis missiues to be direct for wairning than the commissioneris to convene to cum fully instructit to that effect.

Continuatioun altering taxt roll to the nixt generall conventioun and to be rememberit in missiues.

The same day, continewis the ansuer giving to ane supplicatioun givin in befor thame be certane merchantis of the burrowes of Edinburgh, Striuling, Anstruther, and vtheris, contenit thairintill, craving remeid of the saidis burrowes be thair support to be grantit, in maner as is contenit in thair said supplicatioun, for obteneing of redres of the spoliatioun of thair wynis this last yeir be the pennour of Neuhevine to thair nixt generall conventioun of burrowes, quhair the samin salhappin to be haldin, and to be rememberit in thair misseues.

Continuatioun ansuer to the supplicatioun of certan nychtbouris of Edinburgh, Striveling, etc., to the nixt generall conventioun.

The same day, the commissioneris forsaidis conforme to the tennour of ane act maid and sett doun be the commissioneris of the four burrowes of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondy, and Abirdene, ordanis thair generall collectour to mak payment to Mariorye Rowane, relict of vmquhile William M'Kart-

of Rowane, relict Makartnay.

ney, sumtyme thair agent, of the sowm of fyftie merkis thairintill contentit; and efter consideratioun haid of the said vmquhile Williamis guid seruice to thame in thair effeiris, induring the tyme of his office of agenerye, givis, grantis, and disponis into hir the sowme of vther fyftie merkis, in recompance of his said seruice, quhilk they ordane to be peyit to hir of the first and raddiest of the vnlawes, quhilk salhappin to occur at thair nixt generall assemblye of burrowis.

Forfar, Dondie.

The same day, Androw Huntar, commissioner for the burch of Forfar, gave in ane supplicatioun aganis the magistratis of the burch of Dondye, craveing reformatioun of the vplifting be thame frome the inhabitantis and burgessis of Forfar, of certane customis contentit in the said supplicatioun: Efter the reiding quhairof, and of ane certane decreit arbitrall givin be certane iudges, contentit thairintill, betuixt the saidis tua burrowes, Iames Auchinlek, commissioner for the said burch of Dondy, protestit in name of the communitie thairroff, that the commissioneris presentlie convenit suld nocht proceid in forder nor is contentit in the said decreit, quhilk, gif thay did, for remeid of law. And the saidis commissioneris, in sa far as na complaynt was givin in be the burch of Forfar, nather was the said decreit abefoir schawin or producit, quhairby the commissioner of Dondye nicht have cum to this conventioun instructit to haue givin ansuer thairto, thairfor continewes all proceeding heirintill into thair nixt generall assemblye of burrowis, quhan as thai ordane the said burcht, be thair commissioneris to be sent thairto, to give ansuer to the samin; and ordanis ane cople of the said burch of Forfaris complaynt to be givin to the said Iames Auchinlek as commissioner forsaid. And the said commissioner of Forfar resaut vpe the said decreit, quhairof they ordane him at the requisitioun of the said commissioner of Dondy or magistratis thairroff, to delyuer inlykmaner to him or thame gif neid beis ane autentik cople thairroff, and ordanis the contentis heirof to be rememberit in thair misseves, etc.

Articles communitie Abirdene, provest, baillies and Counsall thairroff.

The same day, Maister Iohnn Cheyne, for himself and as procuratour for the communitie of the burch of Abirdene, gave in certan articlis concerning the gouvernement thairroff, off the quhilk the tennour followis: The articlis concerning the ciuile gouvernement of the burch of Abirdene, quhairanent the communitie thairroff, personis of counsall, burgessis, craftis-men, and decanis thairroff desyris reformatioun and ordour to be takin be

the commissiōneris of burrowes convenit in this maist honorabill assemblye. In the first, it is to be rememberit, that [by] the actis of his Maiesties Parliament, and predecessouris of maist nobill and heich renoun na man lauchfulye mey bear office bot for ane yeir, and that partiality and maisterschipe (qubilk is vndoing of burrowes) in the electioun thair of aucht to haue na plaice; as also, that na man lesunlie may be chosin prouest baillies or eldermen to burgh, bot that ar honest and substantious burgessis, merchantis, and induellaris of the said burch; and that na man aucht to trubill or give feir and drede to his nichtbour in electioun of thair magistratis; that the commoun guid of burch aucht to be yeirly roupit, at the maist sett for the spaice of thrie yeiris; and that finalye, the eidentis, commoun buikis, writis, artailzeary, and jowellis of the toun aucht to be putt in sure and publict custodie. And it is trew that all thir heidis ar transgresit within the miserabill bowellis of this commonwelth, and be sa far as his Maiesties fre burch hes bene thrallit to serue ane raice of pepill, as it war ane burch of baronaye, neuer haiving ony prouest or counsall changit be the spaice of fyftie yeiris bygane, except it war be death, and in that caice, ane of the same rais, as it war ane stait of inheritance, succeding thairto; na persoun of burch bot thai knawing ony thing concerning the custody of the eidentis or jouellis of the toun, nane bot thai haveing entres to the dispositioun of the rentis thair of; na commoun guid roupit be the spaice of xxx yeires bygane;—quhairfoir, we desyre, seing thair is na counsall chosin this yeir as yitt, nor hes bene be lang spaice obefore, that we mey haue plaice to cheis furch ane vnsuspect counsall of the maist worthiest substantious merchandis, craftismen of the maist worthiest of the haill body of our toun, as vse is in vther weill reformit tovnis, and in competent number. Item, the leytis for electioun of the prouest nocht to be restranit to the name of Menzess, thair freyndis and allyais, bot to be extendit to ane number of the maist worthye of burch that knawis the estait thair of, and be the aduyse and voit of the haill toun, ane thair of to be chosin, and he that is chosine onlye to beir office for ane yeir. Item, the dene of gyld to be yeirlye chosin be the toun, and haue full iurisdiction as he hes in vther tounis. Iteme, the tounes seillis to be putt in the custodie of tua vnsuspect mennis handis, yeirlye at ilk electioun, be the voitt of the haill toвне. Item, ane ordour to be sett doun how the tounis buikis,

eidentis, publict courtis, saisingis, and jowellis pertening to the toun to be putt in the keiping hous, quhair thai war obefoir, in ane kist with four lockis, and four vnsuspect persouns to be keiparis thair of; and in the midtyme, the eidentis to be sichtit be sic competent number of vnsuspect persouns as your wisdomis sall appoynt thairto. Item, your wisdomis act, maid at Sanctandrows, anent the rouping of the commoun guid to be putt to executioun betuixt this and the day of nixt etc. Eftir the ingiving and productioun of the quhilkis articlis and reiding thair of, assignis to the prouest and Alexander Rutherfurde, for thame selffis and in name of the said burch of Abirdene, the morne to mak ansuer thairto, and to geive the ansuer *hinc inde*, ather of the saidis pairteis, quhidder they will submitt or nocht.

Appreving act
anent chepmen
with additioun.

The same day, ratefeis and appreves the act maid and sett down at the last conventioun, hauldin at the burch of Sanctandrows vpoun the fourtene dey of Apryle 1589 yeiris, anent chapmen and vnfrie persouns, alsweill outwith and inwith burrowes, hanting and traffequing with the seall of stepill guidis in gryt and small, with this additioun, that ilk deane of gyld within euerye frye burch quhair ony ar electit, and quhair nane is, that the magistratis thair of see the said act put to dew executioun, vnder the pane of xx libris to be vplifit of thame incaice thai faillye. And for sure knowlege for the dew executioun thair of, ordanis that at ilk generall conventioun of burrowes ilk commissioner of the samin report thairto the diligens vsit be the saidis deane of gyld and magistratis in executing the said act, certefeing the contravenaris heirof, as alsua incaice ony complant beis maid be ony maner of persoun vpoun the deane of gyld and magistratis forsaidis, thai being found culpabill, that the lyk pane and vnlaw of xx libris salbe lykueyis vplifit of thame, but fauouris.

Burrowis and
conseruatour
in Flanderis.

The same day, the commissioneris forsaidis finding thame selffis and thair saidis burrowes and haill estait of merchandis gretumly preiudgeit and dampnefeit be Maister Robert Dannistoun, pretendit conseruatour of the office of conseruatoury, nocht onlye in vsurping be him of the said office, bot alsua in extortiouning of all traffequaris resorting to the pairtis of Flanders, thairfoir discharges heirby all the saidis traffequeris of ony ansuering or peying to him at ony tyme heirefter of ony maner of dewty, nor that nane of thame acknowledge him in conseruatour, sen he

hes nocht thair authoritie interponit thairto, as haiving iust richt of election of him and ony vtheris thai pleis in the said office of conseruatoryc, bot hes violentlye intrusit himself, by thair consentis or electioun be thame of him, in the said office. And for dew obseruing heirof, ordanis publicatioun to be maid be the magistratis of euerye burch of this present act and ordinance, to the effect the traffeuaris within the samin may be maid acknowlegit heirof, and the saidis traffequeris pretend na ignorance, certefeing the saidis merchandis and traffequeris, in caice thai willingly, but compulsioun, acknowlege the said conseruatour, or pey to him ony dewtye, and the saidis magistratis; incaice publicatioun be nocht maid heirof and dewlye putt to executioun, that thai and euerye ane of thame, contraueneris heirof, sall incur the pane and vnlaw of twentye poundis; and that the saidis traffequeris quhan and quhow oft thai be compellit be the said conseruatour to pey to him ony sic dewtye, report ane sufficient testimoniell thairvpoun, vnder the said pane and vnlaw of xx libris sua oft as thai faillye; and ordanis ane missiue to be maid and formit to be subscryuit be thame, warning the said pretēdit conseruatour to compeir at Edinburgh vpon the day of

nixt, to ansuer befor the commissioneris of the burrowes of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondye, Abirdene, Striuling, Sanctandros, Hadington, and sic vther burrowes as plessis thame to conuene, and efter his arryuell and heir cuming that the magistratis of the said burch of Edinburgh mak dew aduerteisment to the saidis burrowes to send thair commissioneris fullye instructit to conuene at the said burch at sic dey as salbe appoyntit be the saidis magistratis of Ediuburch to thame for taking of ordour with the said conseruatour, certefeing the burrowes nocht conuenand efter dew aduerteisment maid as said is, that thai and euerye ane of thame, sall incur the pane and vnlaw of xx libris. And forder, as toward the taking of ordour with the excyse of beir and wyne in the toun of Campfer, for the caussis contenit in ane act maid and sett down at Sanctandros in Apryle 1589 yeiris, givis full pouer and commissioun, for thame selffis and remanent burrowes of this realme, to the saidis sevin burrowes to sye the said ordour sett down and establischit, and the said excyse putt to maist avall; as alsua, in thair and remanent burrowes names, to tak sic ordour with the said conseruatour at his hame cuming as to the welfair of thair estait salbe be thame thoct expedient, promiss-

sand ferme and stabill etc. And vpoun the diligence to be done heirin, ordanis the saidis burrowes to send thair commissioneris fullye instructit to thair nixt generall conventioun of burrowes to report the same, and to be rememberit in thair misseues, etc.

Vndecimo Iunij 1590.

Ansueris be
the provest,
and baillies of
Abirdene to the
communities
articules thair-
of.

THE QUHILK DAY, in presens of the commissioneris forsaidis, Maister Thomas Menzes of Dorne, prouest of Abirdene, and Alexander Ruthurfurde, commissioners thairrof, producit ansuers to the articlis givin in be Maister Iohnn Cheyne, for him selff and in name of the communitie of the said burch, of the quhilkis ansueris the tennour followis: We, prouest, baillies, counsall, of the burch of Abirdene, ancient citizans and burgessis thairrof, with the grytest pairt of the communitie of the samin, answering to certane articlis givin in and presentit befor yow, my lordis commissioneris of burrowes, assemblit at Abirdene the tent of Iunij 1590 yeris, craveing reformation of the ciuile gouvernement of the said burch, sayis: It is commoun to all persouns provokit to bauld rasehnes, namelye to the rascall multitude, seiking the alteratioun innouating and altering of the ciuile gouvernement of any burch or commoun welth quhilk sa lang hes florischt in ciuile polesye, quyetnes, and tranquilitye, and sa lang hes bene gouernit thocht the obseruing and keping of louabill constitutionis and guid lawes sett down of auld, to all sic, we say, to couer thair desyr and interprys in, vnder sum honest pretence, desiring, as it war, ane better forme of gouernment to be introducit thairin nor at ony tyme sen the erectioun of that burch hes bene embracit and ressaut, ewin swa it is with the adherantis to the saidis articlis, seing that trew it is, contenewalye sen the said burch of Abirdene was erectit be his Maiesties maist nobill progenitouris of guid memorye in ane frye regall burch, doiting the samin with dyuers liberties, immunitis, and priueleges, and cheiffye with the priuilege of frye electioun of prouest, baillies, counsall, deanis of gyld, thesaurer, clerkis, and vtheris ordinar officieris within the samin, quibilkis preuileges all togidder be the saidis articlis ar cravit to be abrogattit, The settlit forme [and] lang continewit estait of gouernment of the said burch in cheising and electing of thair magistratis and officieris forsaid in na tyme

heirtofor sen the erectioun of the said burch, hes bene alterit or changit, bot the samin to this dey and tyme hes bene followit out and inviolably obseruit, according to the saidis priuileges, allowit and appreit be his Hynes and his Maiesties predicessouris frome tyme to tyme, nochtwithstanding of his Graice actis of parliament, The forme of the electioun of the prouest, bailleis, and counsall, thesaurer, deanis of gyld within the said burch, cravit be the saidis articlis, is the altering and inverting of the said setlit stait and lang continewit forme of gouvernement within the said burch, nawayes thocht meit be his Maiestie to be alterit or changit, bot be his Hyenes frome tyme to tyme allowit and authoresit as said is, the altering quhairof, but all peraduentur, salbe ane exampill pernicious and dangerous sequell, the fontain occasioun of all confusioun to enschew thairvpoun, with the abrogating of the antient liberties and priuileges of the said burch, and thairunto give we suld consent and agrie, doutles we suld schaw our selffis disloyall subiectis, and proud dissobeyaris and contemptneris of his Maiesties will, declairit and publischt frome tyme to tyme thairanent vpoun the lyk and complitis maid to his Maiestie be certane nichtbouris of the said burch, craueing to haue had the said settlid forme of gouvernement and electioun alterit. Seuerall burrowes hes seuerall constitutionis and customis, found onmeit be his Maiestie to be alterit and changit without guid aduyse and deliberatioun, The craftismen to craue or vsurpe ony forder libertie nor thay or ony of thair predicessouris hes euer haid or injoyit within the said burgh in ony tyme bygane, namlye to be of the counsall of the said burch, hes neuer bene hard heirtofore, nor yitt can we be persuadit that thai or ony of the merchand estait of the said burch will craue or desyre the same, seing it is of veritye that thai ar secludit fra all seiking of offices within the said burch, or to be on the counsall thairof, be ane finall decreit and appoyntment maid betuixt the prouest, bailleis, and merchandis, on that ane pairt, and the saidis craftismen on the vther pairt, anent the settling of all contrauersyes betuixt the merchandis estait and thame, We dout nocht bot your wisdomis, vnderstanding perfytlye that thair is nocht ane vniforme ordour nor vniformitye obseruit amang the hail burrowes of this realme vniuersalye, in the forme of gouvernement of thair burchis tovnis and cities anent the chesing and electing of thair magistratis and officieris, bot dyuers burrowes hes dyuers customis, as is aboue mentionat, nather yit is the

actis of parliament maid anent the chesing and electing of magistratis vniuersalye obseruit amangis the haill burrowes, bot that the cheif and maist principall burrowes of this realme, notour to your wisdomis, hes thair cheif magistratis, sic as thair prouest, continewit in office nocht for ane yeir onlye but for ma yeris, worthye men of wisdome for weill meriting in commoun weillis, guid seruice done be thame thairinto, and aduanceing of the liberteis of tovnis, quhairin thai buir, and beiris office, hes bene continewit in thair office for mony and dyueris zeris, without seassing or intromissioun, euer electit and chosin of new at the apoyntit tyme, how be that befor the electioun thay demitt thair offices, as vse is, sum hes bene prouestis of cheif and principall burrowis (we mein nocht now of Abirdene) thay and thair predecessouris of ane rais, surname and bluid, be the spaice of thrie scoir yeris with the mair, sum fourtye, sum threttie, and sum fewar yeris.

Burrowis,
Erlisferry.

The same day, comperit Dauid Strachin, and productit ane suplicatioun for him selff as commissioner for the toвне of Erlisferrye and inhabitantis thairof, desiring the samin to be admittit and enrollit in ane frye burgh amangis the remanent frie burrowes of this realme, conforme to the Kingis Maiesties gift of erectioun schawne, productit, and tane vp agane be the said Dauid ; Quhilkis commissioneris findis the said suplicatioun nocht to be now entreitit vpoun, in respect of thair knowlege of the inhabilitie of the said toun, quhilk incaice of thair admissioun suld be veray preiudiciall to the haill estait of frye burrowes.

Licence to
Haddingtoun,
etc., to desolue.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis givis licence to the commissioneris of the burrowes of Haddingtoun, Brechine, Northbervik, Forfar, and Dunbar to disolue frome this conventioun, quha ratefeis and appreis all lawes constitutiouns and quhatsumeuer thingis beis concludit heirat.

Wilsoun, com-
missioner for
Bruntiland,
vnlawit.

The same day, findis Maister Androw Wilsoun, commissioner for the burch of Bruntiland, to haue incurrit ane vnlaw at the modificatioun of the moderatour, for making of ane bal to the commissioner of the vnfrie toun of Erlisferrye, and procuring thairfoir, aganis the welfair, actis, and statutes of burrowes, but licience obtenit.

Craill and Ans-
truther to re-
leve Pettin-
weme of thair
impoist.

The same day, findis, decernis, and ordanis that the magistratis of the burch of Craill and thair collectour of the impostis ordanit to be vpliftit thairat, for the caussis mentionat in the actis sett down thairanent, sall relieve the burch of Pettinweme, and pecy vnto thair collectour sic sowmis

of money as is collectit be the saidis magistratis of Craill and thair collectour sen thair first intromissioun thairwith, as alsua, that the magistrates of the burch of Anstruther be eist the burne sen thair erection in ane frye burch sall do the lyk ; and vpoun thair refusall, ordanis the collectour of the said burch of Pettinweme to caus rais and execute letteris of horning vpoun the saidis burrowes expenssis, quhilk salbe allowit in his comptis.

Duodecimo Junij 1590.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris foirsaidis vnderstanding the heiring of the generall collectouris comptis to be deleyit, in respect that at the last tyme of the heiring of the customeris comptis, the customis, impostis, vnlawes, and taxatiouns war nocht haillelye ingottin be him, thairfoir, for heiring of the samin, hes electit and nominatt the burrowes of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondy, Abirdene, Sanctandrois, Striuling, and Hadingtoun, to be auditouris to the said generall collectouris comptis, to quhom thai give full pouer and commissioun to heir, allow, or disallow the samin at thair plesour, as to the weifair of burrowes be thame salbe thocht expedient, and to convene to that effect at Edinburgh at sic day as thai ar to convene for taking of ordour with the pretendit conseruatour in Flanders. At quhilk day they ordane the magistratis of the burrowis of Abirdene, Dondy, Sanctandrois, and Pittenweme to compeir and mak compte, rekning, and peyment of thair bygane intromissioun with the saidis impostis, ilk burch vnder the pane and vnlaw of tuentye poundis, by and attour the peyment of the interes of ane annuell of four scoir poundis yeirly, peyit be the burrowes for nocht redeming of the principall sowme of xij^c merkis gevin and debursit for the caussis mentionat in the act sett down thairanent. And Iames Auchinlek, commissioner for the burch of Dondy, in name thairof, protestit that incaice it be found that peyment is maid of thair pairt of the said impost preceiding the feist of Witsonday last that thai be exemit fra the penaltie and interes foirsaid. And becaus the saidis burrowes findis thame grytumly preiudgit be the inlak of ane generall agent to attend vpoun thair efferis, thairfoir hes gevin, and gevis full pouer and commissioun to the saidis

Auditouris
generall collec-
touris comptis
to cheis ane
agent.

Protestatioun,
Cheyne, in
name of the
communitie of
Abirdene.

The same day, Maister Iohnn Cheyne, for him self and the communie of the burch of Abirdene, gave in aganis the prouest, baillies, and counsell of the samin the protestatioun following, quhairof the tennour followis : The quhillk day, Maister Iohnn Cheyne and Androw King, burgessis of Abirdene, having, at the requeist of the commissioneris of burrowes, bene licenciat be the prouest of Abirdene to convene in the parochie kirk thairrof, with Iohnn Collysoun and Alexander Forbes baillies, for conferance to bene haid with certane thair nichtbouris, burgessis and craftismen of the said burch, for knawing of thair myndis anent the vptaking and submissioun to the saidis commissioneris of sic questioun and contrauersie as hes stand and presentlye standis betuixt thame and the saidis prouest, counsell, and dyuers magistrates of the said burch anent the ciuill gouvernement of the samin, eftir lang conferance haid with the saidis nichtbouris and communitie, in presens of the saidis tua bailleis, returnit againe, and befor the saidis commissioneris exponit and declarit that the said communitie of ane agreing mynd consent and will was glaidly contentit to submitt all questiounis betuix thame and the magistrates of the said burch to the decisioun of the commissioneris of burrowes forsaidis, and for the better declaratioun of thair intentioun thairanent, gave in certane articlis at the saidis commissioneris desyris to be treitit vpoun be thame, incaice the saidis prouest and counsell and thair adherance grantit to the said submissioun for thair pairtis, and incaice thay refusit, desyrit maist reuerentlye the said commissioneris, as thay quha ar iudges ordinar in sic caices be vertew of thair offices, to tak ordour and proceed in the said mater as efferis, protesting solempintly that incaice the mater cum to forder dispute befor his Maiestie, Lordis of Secreitt Counsell or Sessioun, or befor the saidis commissioneris of burrowes, or vtheris iudges quhatsumeuer, that the said communitie be nocht compted authoris or occasioun of the expenssis to be maid thairanent, nor of ony comotioun that may succed or follow thairvpoun in ony time heireftir ; desyring with all humanitye the saidis commissioneris to beir dew record to his Maiestie of the saidis pure

commoundis lauchfull offir and desyre, and that zour wisdomis will of equitye hald, haue, concur, and assist ws thairanent, as tyne and occasioun sall require, and thairin desyrit actis and instrumentis. And the saidis commissioneris assignis to the prouest, in name of baillis and counsall of the said burch of Abirdene, to ansuer thairto partibus citatis.

The same day, continewis the ansuer giving to the burch of Aberbrothokis suplicatioun, craveing support to the reperralling of thair decayit herberye, to the nixt generall assemblye of burrowes, and to remember the samin in the messeues to be sent thairto.

Continuatioun
ansuer to Abir-
brothok's sup-
plicatioun.

The same day, findis the burch of Irrewing to haue incurrit ane vnlaw of twenty poundis for nocht reporting of thair deligence vpoun the bestowing of the dewtyes mentionat in ane act maid and sett down at Sanctandris in the last conventioun haldin thairat in Apryle 1589, for vphalding of thair decayit brig, and ordanis ane misseue to be sent to thame to send thair commissioneris instructit to mak compt, at the nixt generall assemblye, of the bestowing of the dewties forsaidis vpoun the said brig, and, incaice thair report nocht compt or deligence to the said nixt conventioun, than the saidis dewties to expyre and be dischargit.

Vnlawing Irro-
wine in xx li.
for nocht re-
porting thair
deligence of the
dewties for
thair brig.

The same day, hes exemit and exemis for the spaice of thrie yeiris the burch of Northberuik frome all keping of conventiounis, sending to euerye ane thair of thair missues, with the ewest burch vndispensit with, apprev- ing all thingis concludit and sett down thairat.

Northbewik
exemit for
thre yeiris.

The same day, the commissioneris forsaidis promissis thair ayd and concurrence to the suplicatioun to be givin in be Alexander Kempt, burges of the burch of Abirdene, to the estaitis of the parliament nixt, craveing redres of thame for the wrangous spoilling fra him, and vtheris merchandis of the said toun, of certan guidis apertening to thame be certane piratis in thair weyage from Caleis to Deipe, in the moneth of Merche last.

Burrowis,
Kempis suppli-
catioun.

The samin dey, the commissioneris forsaidis hes givin licence to the commissioner of the burch of Abrothoke to dissolue frome this conventioun to pas hame, quha ratefeit and apreuit all thingis to be concludit thairat.

Licence to
Aberbrothock
to desolue.

The same day, the commissioneris forsaidis hes exemit and exemis for the spaice of thrie yeiris nixt heirefter, the burch of Banff frome all keip-

Banff exemit
for thre yeiris.

ing of conventiounis, the said burch sending with the burch ewest, on dispensit with ane missiue autentiklye subscriuit, appreving all thingis to be concludit at the conventiouns intervening. And vnderstanding the said burghes to haue bene vnlawit at the last generall assemblye haldin at Sanctandros, for thair nocht comperance thairto, in ane vnlaw of xx poundis, quhilk is peyit be thame to the clerk of the said citey, nochtwithstanding that thai vsit deligence to haue approvin the lawis and constitutionis than concludit, and that thair misseue maid and sent to Alexander Rutherfurde was in his default on producit, thairfor, for repairing and refounding to thame off the said vnlaw, hes assignit and assignis into thame ane of the vnlawes that salbe incurit at the nixt generall assembly of burrowes.

Decimo tercio Iunij 1590.

Hacquett commissioner Dysart, Striveling etc.

THE QU'HILK DAY, anent the suplicatioun givin in be James Hacquett, commissioner for the burch of Dysart, aganis the burch of Striuling, craving rembursement of the sowme off fourscoir sevin poundis ten schillingis, as for the said burch of Striulingis pairt of ane extent of aucht hundreth poundis raisit vpoun certane burrowes for outredding of ane schip to Denmerk, findis and decernis the said burch of Striuling sall, within xv dayes efter the hamecuming of the said commissioner of Striuling thairto, pay vnto the said burch of Dysart the sowme aboue expremitt, togidder with the sowme of thrie poundis of expenssis, with certificatioun to the said burch, and [thai] mak nocht peyment of the samin at the dey appoyntit, that thai sall refound and pay to the said burch of Dysart all forder expenssis it salhappin thame to deburs in the suiting heirof, vpoun James Hacquett, present commissioner for Dysartis conscience and modificatioun.

Innernes vnlawit for suspending letteris, etc.

The same day, findis the burch of Innernes, for suspending, be ane wrang nerretieue, the letteris raisit be the generall collectour in thair names for payment of the said burchis pairt of the extent raisit for the price of xxx tvnis wyne, vpoun the inlak of the customes, hes incurit the pane and vnlaw of tuentye poundis, quhilk thai ordane to be vpliftit incaice, vpoun the said collectouris first requisitioun, thai mak nocht peyment

dewlye of thair pairt of the said extent, and, gif neid beis, ordanis letteris to be raisit and execut aganis the said burch for the said vnlaw, incaice of refusal as saidis.

The same day, anent the suit of the commissioneris of the burch of Edinburgh, craving rembursment of the sowme of twentyfyve hundreth merkis givin to Maisteris Iohnn Skeyne and William Fowlar commissioneris to Denmerk, and, as the said commissioneris of Edinburch allegit, in the burrowes effaris, ordanes the said burch of Edinburgh to send thair commissioneris instructit to the nixt general assembly of burrowes, and to bring with thame the act contening the maner of thair commissioun, to the effect the saidis burrowes mey knaw gif the samin was in thair effares or nocht, and to be rememberit in the misseves to be direct in the nixt conventioun.

The same [day], anent the sowme of twentyetwa thousand merkis ordanit to be givin to the Kingis Maiestie be the burrowes, to the collectioun quhair of Iohnn Airtott, prouest of Edinburgh, was ordanit to deput ane collectour, ordanis that at the conventioun appoyntit to be hauldin at Edinburgh be the sevin burrowes, for the caussis of the conseruatour, or soner as ony conventioun of the estaites intervenis, produce the act of Secreit Counsall sett down thairanent to be producit be the commissioneris of the burchis of Edinburgh or Perth, and the saidis sevin burrowes, be thair commissioneris than to convene, to tak sic ordour heirwith as to the weilfair of the estait of burrowes salbe be thame thocht maist expedient.

The same day, Daid Watsoun, commissioner for the burch of Sanct-androis, oblissis him at hes hamecuming thairto to caus mak peyment of the sowme of sevin scoir poundis restand awand be thame for thair pairt of the extent raisit for peyment of the threttye tvnis wyne awand to the Kingis Maiestie of the fourscoir aucht yeir of God, and that betuixt and the fyft day of Iulij nixt, and ordanis the said collectour to send to the said Daid the letteris of horning raisit and execut aganis the said burch for non-peyment of thair pairt of the said extent, and this for saffitye of ane vnlaw of xx poundis quhilk the said burch incurrit throch non-peyment thair of as said is.

Edinburgh,
craving rem-
bursment of
xxv^s merkis
continewit.

Edinburgh,
xxijm merkis
continewit to
the nixt con-
ventioun to be
haldin thairatt.

Watsoun
commissioner
Sanctandrois
to mak pay-
ment of thair
pairt of the
last extent
wynis to the
burrowis col-
lectour.

The burrowis
to concur with
Innernes in
suting redres
for their decay-
it brig.

The same day, the commissioneris fairsaidis promissis to concur and assist the burch of Innernes in thair suitt to be maid to the Kingis Maiestie and Estaites for support to the mending of thair decayit brig, be vplifting of sic dewties, for the spaice of sevin zeris alanerlye, as is vpliftit be the burch of Irrewing, prouyding, incaice of grant thairto, the said burch of Innernes send thair commissioneris instructit zeirly to thair generall conventionis to mak compt of the bestowing of the saidis dewtyes on the brig fairsaid, vnder the payne of xx poundis.

Forres exemit
frome conven-
tionis for thre
zeris.

The same day, anent the supplicatioun presentit to thame be the commissioner of Forres, craving the burrowes concurrence to the suitting of redres of sum gryt men quha oppressis thame, adheris to thair act sett doun thairanent at Sanctandros, and promissis concurrence quhen as occasioun sall serue; and as toward the support cravit to the reparrelling of thair kirk, exemis thame frome keping of conventioun of burrowis for the space of thre zeires, vpoun the prouisionis and conditiouns mentionet in the actis maid anent vtheris exemit burrowes, and that the vnlawes quhilk thai nicht haue incurit be thair absence be bestowit vpoun the reparrelling of thair said kirk as said is, and remittis thair vnlaw of xx libris incurit be thame for absence fra the conventioun at Glasgow, quhais commissioner was ordanit to report the lauchtfull citatioun of the said burch of Forres at the nixt generall assemblye.

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communities
Articles of
Abirdene be the
magistratis
thairof, etc.

The quhilk day, etc., Maister Thomas Menzes of Dorne, prouest of Abirdene, and Alexander Rutherford ane of the counsall of the said burch, commissioneris for the said toun of Abirdene, for thame selffis and in name of the baillies, counsall, antient burgessis, and gryt pairt of the commonaltye thairof, compeiring, ansuerit to the former protestatioun maid be Maister Iohnn Cheyne and Androw King, burgessis thairof, for thame selffis and thair adherentis of the commonelty of the said burch, that trew it is and of veritye that the forme of gouvernement presentlye vsit within the said burch is, in the forme of rewl and gouvernement, and cheising of magistratis, that euer was and hes bene exerceisit and vsit within the samin fra the begynning sen euer the samin was ane burch; and that the desyre of the saidis Maister Iohnn and Androw is the altering and abrogatting of the hail constitutiouns obseruit within the said burch, auld settled forme, and lang continewit stait of gouvernement, anent the cheising and electing of the magistratis, counsall, deanis of

gyld, and thesaurer, kepit, followit out, and inviolably obseruit within the said burch in all tymes bygane sen the first erectioun of the samin in ane regall frye burch, from tyme to tyme allowit and appreuit be his Maiestie and his Grace predecessouris, fra the quhilkis auld constitutionis and forme of gouvernement of the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsall hes onywayes fallin, or thairfra has maid ony defectioun, and nocht kepit the samin in the auld integritye, lyk as thai hau done: To verifye the quhilk thay offerit thame raddy to produce the tovnis buikis to beir record to the samin, war contentit that the commissioneris of burrowes presentlye assemblit suld tak tryell thairintill, and gif it war found be thame that the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsall had transgressit the said auld constitutionis and setlaid forme of gouvernement vsit frome tyme to tyme within the said burch sen the erectioun of the samin, to be reformat be thame in that poynt, according to the antient constitutionis of the said burch, and to be reducit agane thairvnto gif thair be ony decadence thairfra. And fordermair war content to submitt to my lordis commissioneris of burrowes, with this condititoun, hat thair wisdomes suld sett down and conclude ane vniformitie of gouvernement ciuilye of the haill burrowes of this realme, offering thame selffis willingly to receive the samin, seing it is notour to thair wisdomis that thair is nocht twa burrowes, having dyueris customis and constitutionis, found onmet to be alterit or changit; and protestit that this thair protestatioun be na wayes preiudiciall to the band and contract maid betuixt the prouest, bailles, counsall, and merchandis of Abirdene on that ane pairt, and the craftismen of the said burch on the vther pairt, beiring that na craftismen of the said burch sall vsurpe ony office within the said burch nor seik to be on the counsall thairrof, bot that the said contract and apoyntment haue its awin streynth, force, and effect, in all poyntis; desyring thairfoir the saidis commissioneris to beir record to thair ressonabill offir, and that thair wisdomis wald of equitye, hault, concur, and assist the saidis prouest baillies counsall, antient burgessis of the said burch, to assist thame in the mantening of thair auld constitutionis, as tyme and occasioun sall requyre; vpoun the quhilkis the saidis Maister Thomas and Alexander askit instrumentis.

The same day, anent the desire of the commissioneris of the burghe of Abirdene, for thame selffis, counsall, and communitie thairrof, exponing

Burrowis to assist Abirdene in craving twa faires yeirlic thairto.

and schawing the samin, of the Kingis Maiesties nobill progenitouris of guid memorye, doittit to dyuers liberties preuileges and immunities, namelye, with the liberty of tua frie faires or mercattis to be haldin yeirlye within the said burch, the ane at Michealmes, quhilk indurit for the space of fourtene deys, the vther at Sanct Nicolas dey, the saxt of December zeirlye, quhilk was caus and occasioun of the resort of ane gryt number of his Hyenes legis fra all pairtis to the said burcht, and the caus of grit tred and handling thairin, quhilkis tua commoun faires hes nocht bene obseruit nor keipit thir mony and dyueris yeiris bygane, to the gryt hurt of the said burch, and decay of tred and handling within the samin. The commissioneris foirsaidis promissis to ayd and assist thame in the suting at the Kingis Maiestie and Estaites, his Hyenes act and letteris thairvpoun, ordaning the saidis tua fairis to be yeirly keipit within the said burcht at the tymes aboue writtin, according to the auld vse and wount, and thair liberties grantit and gevin to thame as is aboue specifeit.

Montrois &c.,
Abirdene &c.,
taxatioun out-
red of ane schip
to Denmark.

The same dey, anent the desyre of Iames Makene, commissioner for the burch of Montros, craving that the prouest, baillies, and counsall of the burch of Abirdene sall mak compt of thair intromissioun with the extent of thrye thousand merkis raisit and vpliftit of the said burch of Montros, Dunbar, Breichine, Northberuik, Elgyne, Narne, Fores, and Banff, for outred of ane schipe to be sent to Denmark for conveying of the King and Quenis Maiesties thairfra to this realme, alsweill of the outward outred as of the necessaris and superplus of the said extent, restand as he allegit in thair handis, The said Iames in presence of the commissioneris of the said burch of Abirdene, for him selff and his said burch, and the burrowis of Dunbar, Breichine, and Northberuik, submittit for his and thair pairtis the heiring of the saidis comptis to the commissioneris presentlye convenit, and to na vtheris, renunceing all vtheris iudges or auditouris thairto, quhairvpoun he askitt instrumentis. Lykeas Alexander Rutherfurd, commissioner for the said burch of Abirdene, touard the referring be the commissioneris of the burrowes of Innernes, Elgyne, for thame selffis, and Narne, Forres, and Banff for thame selffis and thair saidis burrowis, of the heiring of compt and rekning and payment, give ony superplus beis found awand be the said burch to thame, for thair pairtis and thair consentis, that the said burch of Abirdene sall

iudge thairin as thai think expedient, askit instrumentis, and protestit that in respect this contributioun is nocht liftit be vertew of ane act contenit in the burrowes buikis, bot only vpoun ane act of the Secreitt Counsall, quhairvpoun letteris ar direct, the saidis commissioneris, presentlye convenit suld nocht iudge or decerne herein ; Nochtwithstanding of the quhilk protestatiounis maid be the said Alexander, in name of the said burch of Abirdene, the saidis commissioneris fyndis thame iudges to desyd in the heiring of the saidis comptis and decerning thairvpoun, and ordanis ane particular compt to be givin in befor thame, as iudges ordinar thairto, the morne efter the efter nonis preiching, to be hard be sic four burrowes as salbe appoyntit to convene than to that effect, certefeing the commissioneris of the said burch of Abirdene, and thai fallye, be nocht giving in of the saidis comptes at the tyme appoyntit, thai will modefyne and sett down sic prices vpoun the outred of the said schip as vtheris schippis send in the lyk effairis, and of the lyk binding war outred and send out.

The same day, Maister Iohnn Cheyne and Andro King, for thame selffis and as procuraturis for sic of the communitie of Abirdene as thai haue power to compeir for, producit ane ansuer to the prouest [and] bailleis of the said burch of Abirdenis protestatioun this day producit, quhilk thai ordane to be insert in this thair buik of generall conventioun, with the articlis and protestatiouns on athir pairtis of the saidis contentantis, of the quhilk ansuer the tenour followes : Ansuerit for the pairt of the said commonaltye, persounis of counsall, and baillye craveand reformatioun, that the propositioun of the said Maister Thomas and his adherentis contenit in thair forsaidis allegenssis, reposing thame selffis vpoun the antient and inviolablie obseruit forme of gouvernement within this burch, manifestis thair willingis to submitt, and gif thay sall demene as semis to be expressit thir wordis, the saidis desyreris of reformatioun ar content that the commissioneris of burrowes present haue plaice to consider the antiatye of thair allegenssis, monumentis of this burch concerning the samin, actis of his Maiesties parliament, statutes of burrowis, and commoun weill of merchandis, and thairefter sett down sic satlid ordour as the saidis craveris of reformation may lesumlye vse, Bot na wyys befor submissioun anent the disput of equitye, inequitye of thair caus, except your wisdomis wald without submissioun proceed as ye

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Abirdenis protestatioun.

lesumly may, quhilk gif your wisdomis plesis to do, the saidis craveris of reformatioun maist humly requyris the samin, and sall, God willing manifestlye proue the gouernement of this [burgh] declynit fra the first integritye of the same and fallin in sic absurd decadence as may heirefter, without remeid be put thairto, cum to the gryt preiudice of the vniuersaty of burrowes. And gif the said Maister Thomas meynis bot schift and delay, vnder cullour of ambyguous termis and limitit conditiounis, the said commonalty emaist humly desyris your wisdomis as obefoir to respect the equitye of thair caus and maist humble suit, and to tak sic ordour that the samin may be decydit befoir your selffis, at the leist thai may be saife from invasioun and hostilitye quhill his Maiestie put ordour thairto, and the communitye contentit with ane vniuersall ordour as the commissioneris will set down. Efter the production of the quhilk ansuer the said Maister Thomas Menzes of Dorne prouest, and Alexander Ruthersford, commissioneris for the said burgh of Abirdene, admititt be the commissioneris presentlye convenit and thair commissioun found be thame guid and sufficient, replyet ansuering to the aboue writtin desyre as is ansuerit to the protestatioun givin in be the said Maister Iohnn and Androw obefoir, and, adherand to thair former ansuer maid to the said protestatioun heirin, desyrit actis and instrumentis.

Burrowis to assist the pairty invadar of the vther for the questioun betuixt the magistratis of Abirdene and communitie thairrof.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis, efter lang ressoning vpoun the differenssis aboue expremitt, articlis, ansueris, protestatiounis, and replies resultant thairvpoun, as is particularly insert in this their generall buik of conventioun, for the pairties aboue expremitt, finding the manner of thair submissioun to be variabill and diferent, the ane pairtye, to wit the saidis Maister Iohnn Cheyne and Andro King, for thame selffis and remanent communitie of the said burgh of Abirdene, absuletlye submittand to the saidis commissioneris of burrowes the decisioun of the saidis differenssis, and the vther pairtye, to witt the saidis commissioneris of Abirdene for thame selffis, the prouest baillies and counsall and ane gryt pairt of the communitie of the samyn, submittand conditionalye, Findis in respect thairrof that thai can nocht accept the decisioun of the contrauersyes aboue expremitt, bot remittis the samin to sic iudges as salbe found competent thairto. Alweyis, for keiping of quyetnes betuixt the tua pairteis contendand, according to the auld lawes and constitutiouns of burrowes maid anent the decisioun of materis questionabill within or betuixt bur-

rowes, and fering the inconuenient of tumult and discord be the delay of decisiou of the saidis materis sall aryse betuixt the pairteis forsaid, thairfor, doing that mey ly in thame to haue the samin avoydit, promittis and declaris that the pairtie mollester or persewar of vtheris, vtherwayis than be the law, sall find the haille burrowes to concur and assist with the pairtie offendit vnto, certefeing lykwayes the pairtie molestar or trublar of vtheris, vtherwayes nor as law will as saidis, that the pane and vnlaw of ane hundreth poundis salbe vpliftit but fauouris of thame.

The same day, efter ressoning vpoun the complaint givin in be the commissioneris of the burchis of Dysert, Kinghorn, and Kirkcaldy, aganis the magistratis of the burch of Brunttylland vplifting of euery schipe aryveing to the herberye thairoff thrye schillingis four penneis by all ordour of richt, discharges the said burch in ony forder vplifting of the samin, fra thine furch vnto sic tyme as thai produce thair richt thairof, at the conventioun of the sevin burrowes appoyntit to convene at Edinburgh, vpoun the magistratis aduertesment thairof, for taking of ordour with the conseruatour, generall agent, and generall collectouris comptis, ordaining the saidis compleneris, incaice than it salbe found that the said burch hes rycht to vplift the dewty forsaid, to find cautoun for payment of the samin, as alsua the saidis defenderis lykueyis to find cautoun, that incaice it salbe found at the said conventioun that they haue wrangouslye heirtofor vpliftit the dewtye forsaid, for restitutioun thairof to sic as hes bene damnefeit thairbye. Quhairvnto Maister Androw Wilsoun, commissioner for the said burch of Bryntylland, dissassentit, na wayes apprevand the commissioneris of burrowes iudges heirtot bot as law wald, and that in respect the pretendit mater hes neuer bene hard in this conventioun, nather hes the commissioneris of burrowes nor the said Maister Androw cum instructit thairvpoun, and seing the magistratis of the said burch of Brunttylland war neuer aduerteist, nather is the samin ane heid of the missive, conforme to the ordour keipit continewalye in thair conventiouns, to witt, that quhat complaynt beis givin aganis ony pairtye, thai noch being instructit, the samin is ordanit to be ane article in the missiue to be send to the nixt generall assemblee occurrand, protestand thairfor for remeid of law. Quhilk protestatioun the forsaidis commissioneris, in respect of this thair ordinance, refuissis to admitt; and heirvpoun ather of the saidis pairteis askit instrumentis.

Kingorn, Dysert, Kirkcaldy, Brunttylland, dischargit of the vplifting of iijs. iiijd.

Continuatioun,
ansuer to the
merchantis
Abirdene sup-
plicatioun to
the nixt gen-
erall assemblee
etc.

The same day, anent the suplicatioun givin in be certane the merchandis and inhabitantis of the burch of Abirdene, makand mentiou that, quhair conforme to the auld and antient custome of burrowes thay haue bene in vse of traffequing frome burch to burch, pairtlye be thair moyan and credyt in Edinburch and vtheris burrowes of this realme, be bying of Frensch, Flemis, and Inglis wairis, and bringing of the samin to this thair awin burch of Abirdene, quhill laitlye in the moneth of Februar or thairby, thair being ane gryt part of thame having the forsaid tred, to the nummer of fourtye persouns, summond to Edinburch vpoun the assyse of Maister Robert Chalmer, the prouest bailles and counsall of the said burch hes sett doun ane act and ordinance in thair buikis discharging thame and euerye ane of thame to pas to ony burch or toun to by ony sort of geir aboue the sowme of ane hundreth poundis, as is reportit, vnder sic panis as thai haif sett doun in the said act, to thair gryt hurt, and apperandlye tendand to the rewing of the induellaris and merchandis forsaidis within this burch, and preiudice of the haill burrowes, without remeid be prowdyt, desyryng thairfor thair wisdomis to caus produce and exhibit the said act befor thame, and decern the samin null and of nane avail in tyme cuming, as at leynth is contenit in the said suplicatioun and compleint forsaidis: Hes continewit and continewis all ansuer giving thairto to thair nixt generall assembly of burrowes, quhair euer it sall happin the samin to be appoyntit, and to be contenit in the missiues to be direct thairto, to the effect the commissioneris than to convene mey cum than instructit and resolut to give ansuer to the allowing or disallowing of the said act, requesting the magistratis of the said burch of Abirdene to ouersye the executioun of the said act to the nixt generall assembly as said is,—quhairvnto the saidis commissioneris condescendit.

Elgyne exemit
for thre yeiris.

The samin day, the commissioneris forsaid hes exemit and exemis the burch of Elgyne from all keiping of conventiounis for the space of thrie yeiris nixt heirefter, vpoun the prouisioun mentionat in the actis of exemptioun, and that the said burch sie the vnlawes quhilk thai mycht haue incurit be thair absens frome the saidis conventiouns [wairit] vpoun the reparrelling of thair tua brigis and tolbuith

Guthrie clerk to
remember in
missiues the
vnfrie tovnis.

The samin day, ordanis Iohnn Guthrie, thair clerk, to remember in the misseves to be sent for keiping of the nixt generall conventioun, that the vnfrye toun of Anstruther be wast the burne, and vtheris vnfrye tovnis of

this realme, be warnit to compeir and produce thair richtis of thair appropriating of the liberty of frie burrowes, and to send thair commissioneris thairto instructit to give ansuer to the complayntis than to be givin in aganis thame.

The same day, it is statute and ordanit be vniuersall consent of all the commissioneris of the burrowis present, in name of thair burchis, for vniforme ordour and to be kepit amangis thame selffis in all tymes cumingis, that at quhat tyme or how oft soeuer it salhappin thame, or ane number of thame, to be chargit or writtin for be his Maiestie or his Secret Counsall to give thair consentis to taxatiouns or quhatsumeuer vtheris burding to be imposit vpoun thame, that thai first ernstlye ressonne and conclud thairvpoun togidder, and, being sua ressonit and concludit be thame, that thai sall remane constant at thair awin conclusioun, but ony diuisioun or varietye, sua that na thing sall be yeildit or grantit into be ony ane, tua, thrie, or ma of thame, contrair to the conclusioun of the haill or maist pairt convenit, and that the burch or burchis of the commissioneris contrauenand sall incur the paine and vnlaw of ane hundreth poundis, to be vpliftit but fauouris, and gif neid beis that letteris be raisit and execut aganis thame.

Statute thatt burrowis con-
cur in voittis
vnder the
payne of ane
hundreth
poundis vnlaw.

Apud Abirdene decimo quinto Iunij 1590.

THE QUHILK DAY, it is statute, ordanit, and agreit vpoun be the haill commissioneris of burrowes presentlye convenit, for thame selffis and in name of thair saidis burrowis and remanent burrowes of this realme, becaus sindry new exactiounis ar raisit be the Admirall and his deputis, alsweill vpoun strangers as traffecqueris of this realme, and als vsurping of iudicatur of caussis of burgessis tane vp be the said Admirall and his deputis na thing pertinent to thame, that quhensoeuer thay salbe chargit to conuene at parliament or ony vther generall conventioun of the estaitis nixt heirefter, that the burrowes sall compeir, be thair commissioneris, thre deys befor the dey apoyntit to the said parliament or conventioun of estaitis, and sett down ane suplicatioun craving redres of the said new exactioun and vsurpit iudicatur; and siclyk, for setting down of sic vtheris articlis as mey tend to the weillfair of thair estait, and als to give

Supplication
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ting of redres
of impositis raisit
be the Admirall
etc. aganis
thame.

in suplicatioun, in maner as saidis, that nochtwithstanding quhatsumeuer procurit letteris, charges, or requestis, direct be his Maiestie in fauouris of lordis, erlis, barrounis, and vtheris gentilmen, to dyuers burrowes of this realme for chargeing or requesting thame to elect the saidis erles etc., magistratis, contrar the liberties of burrowes grantit be his Hynes predi-cessouris of auld, and contrar dyuers actis sett down in parliament thairanent, and the municipall lawes of burrowes, quhilkis charges or letteris the burrowes, charget thairwith for feir of horning or vtheris painis contentit thairin, ar compellit to obey to thair gryt hurt as said is, to desyr thairfor, be suplicatioun as saidis, that it may be sett down, be act of parliament or conventioun of the thre estaitis, that the dissobeyaris of the saidis letteris or charges purchest in maner forsaid sall incur na paynis contentit thairintill.

Concurrence
burrois aganis
sic as wald be-
reve thame of
thair landis.

The same day, because dyuers grit men, having thair duellingis and landis nixt adiacent to the commoun landis of burrowes, hes at dyuers tymes bypast oppressit certane pure burchis, nocht abill to defend thair awin merchis and landis, be raising of thair merches, ryfeing out of thair landis and commountye, casting and pasturing thairon, to thair gryt wrak : For remeid quhairof, it is statute and ordanit that all the burrowes of this realme concur, ilk ane with vtheris as ane bodye, in defens of thair iust and honest caussis, thair landis and liberties, alsweill be law as vtherwyes, in defending the samin be way of deid to thair pouveris, be repressing of the saidis gryt oppressouris, as thai salbe requyrit be thair nichtbouris being oppressit ; saifand alwyas thair dewtyfull obedience to his Maiestie and his Hyenes auctoritye.

To crave re-
dres for im-
pairing the bur-
rowis iurisdic-
tionis.

The same day, becaus it is found be the saidis haill commissioneris of burrowis that the iurisdiction of dyuers burrowes ar impairit be the Admirall, his deputis, and be the commissaris erectit in dyuers pairtis of this realme, as alsua be the schrefis and thair deputis of dyuers schrifedomis, quha vsurpis the saidis burrowes iurisdictionis vpoun thame be sitting and cognoscing vpoun caussis and actionis propirlye belonging to the prouest and bailles of burrowes : Heirfor the commissioneris of burrowes present statutes and ordanis that the magistrates of euerye burch sett down sic strait ordour amangis thame selffis, and within thair burchis, as mey preserue thair iurisdiction within thame selffis, vnder the pane of fourtye poundis to be peyit be the burch quhais magistrates contravenis

this ordinance *toties quoties*; and the report thair of to be maid at euery seuerall conventioun be the commissioneris convenand thairto.

The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowes grantis concurrence to the suplicatioun, givin in be certane nichtbouris of Dondy to the Kingis Maiestie and Estaitis, for redres to be haid of the skayth sustentit be thame be the pilleing of ane schipe and guidis thairintill, callit the Kait of the said toun.

The same dey, the forsaidis commissioneris hes exemit and exemis the burch of Innernes, for the spaice of thrie yeiris nixt following the dait heirof, the said burch sending thair missiues to thair generall conventiounis, quhair euer thai salhappin to be haldin, with the ewest burch onexemit, etc.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris forsaidis presentlye convenit desoluis this thair conventioun, and appoyntis thair next generall conventioun to be haldin at the burch off Montrois, vpoun the saxtene day of Iunij in the yeir of God j^m v^c four scoir and alevin yeiris; and ordanis the commissioner of the said burch present to caus mak lauchtfull warning to euery ane of the burrowes to send thair commissioneris fully instructit concerning all materis referrit thairto, to convene day and place aboue writtin, vnder the pane of twenty poundis.

Concurrence to certain nychtbouris of Dondy.

Innernes exemit for thrie yeiris.

Desolving Conventioun and the nixt appointed at Montrois the xvj of Iunii nixt.

Mr Iames Iohnestoun
Geoirge Heireot
Dionis Conquerour
Alexander Rutherfurde
Dauid Watsoun
Iohne Farchir
Iohne Makesone
Ihone Annand
Iames Maken
Williame Pratus
Walter Cowane
Thomas Urqchart

Alexander Curroure
Iames Hackat, commessioner.
Thomas Kingzow
Ihone Kyrkcaldy
Ihone Hacket
Iames Auhinlek
G. Durie
Peter Peterson
Andro Ker for Lynlythqw
Thomas Kar for Invernes
Iohnne Alexander
An. Vilsoun.

Edinburgh.

In the Conventioun of Sevin Burrowis haldin and begun att Edinburgh vpoun the xxviij day of September 1590, Comperitt the Commissioneris of the Burrowis following and presented their commissionis as follows, viz.—

Apud Edinburgh vigesimo octauo Septembris 1590.

Edinburgh, Maister Iames Iohnnstoun, Henry Charteris, and George Hereott; Dondy, Iohnn Traill, be commissioun; Abirdene, Alexander Rutherfurde, Alexander Forbes, with commissioun.

xxix of September 1590.

Perth, Patrik Blair, be commissioun; Streveling, Walter Cowan, be commissioun; Hadingtoun, Iohnn Wilsoun, be commissioun, etc.; Sanctandris, Daud Watsoun.

Electio Moderatour.

The same day, the commissioneris fairsaidis, according to the ordour, hes elected Iohnn Arnott, provest of Edinburgh, in moderatour, and failling of him, Maister Iames Iohnnstoun, and in absence of the said Maister Iames, Henry Charteris bailie.

A meridie.

Sanctandris remittit of thair vnlaw.

Daud Watsoun, commissioner of Sanctandris, quha producit his commissioun, quhilk, nochtwithstanding of his vnlawing befor none, is remittit thair of in respect of his lawfull excuse, he having his brother in law slayne culd cum na soner.

Vltimo Septembris 1590.

Collectouris comptes extenti 1588.

Andrew Mekill, in name of vmquhill Robert Gourlay, collectour, maid compt of the extenti raisitt vpoun the inlaik of the wynis from the first of October 1587 to the first of October 1589, and the said collectour found restand to the burrowis the sovme of twa hundreth fiftie sevin pundis nyntene schillingis thre penneis, quhairwith he hes chairgitt him

in the fute of custome comptes from the first of October 1588 to the first of October 1589; quhilkis comptes, efter the hering thairof, war redelyuerit to the said Androw, quhill the doubill thairof war givin to Ihonn Guthre generall clark to the burrowis.

The same day, the said Androw Mekill, in name of his said vmquhill maister, maid compte of his collectioun of the Kingis Maiesties comptes from the first of October 1588 to the first of October 1589, the rest aboue-writtin, and vther sovmes contenit thairin, the charge thairof extending *iiij^m. viij^c. xxix li. ane s. iij d.* and his discharge extending to *iiij^m. viij^c. lxij li. fyvetene s. iij d.*, and sua the said collectour is superexpendit in *xxxij li. xiiij s. j d.*, and this compte lykewyis redelyuerit, efter the subscriptioun thairof, to the said Androw Mekill; quhilkis thretty thre li. xiiij s. j d. is payitt to the said Androw of the collectioun of the impoist of 1582 yeris, as the compte beris.

Collectouris
comptes of the
customes 1589.

A meridie.

The commissioneris of the burrowis of Edinburgh, Dondy, Perth, Striveling, Sanctandros, and Hadingtoun being conuenit in the haiche Counsalhous of the said burgh of Edinburgh, comperitt Maister Robert Dennielston, conseruatour for the Scotis natioun in Flanderis, and producit his admissioun be the Kingis Maiestie, vnder his Hienes Previe Seill, to the office of conseruatorie in the countrie of Flanderis, efter the reding quhairof the samyn was redelyuerit to him, and he thairefter willinglie offerit to obey such instructionis as the burrowis presentlie convenit, vnfringand his said gift, wald adione to him for keping the previliges of the said natioun; and appointis the morn be ten houris to convene, and the moderatour to aduerteis the nyctbouris, traffecquaris in Flanderis, than to be presentt for thair consultatioun and aduyse to be had thairin.

Presenting be
the conserua-
tour of his gift
thairof.

Primo Octobris 1590.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris of the burrowis foirsaidis being conuenitt in the Counsalhous of the said burgh, finding the last extentt of the wyne, extending to four thowsand pundis, as yitt vnsett down, and

The extentt of
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 xiiij s. iiij d. for
 payment of the
 Kingis Maies-
 ties inlaik of
 his customes
 from the first
 of October 1588
 to the first of
 October 1589.

thatt frome the first of October 1588 to the first of October 1589, be-
 caus they ar send for to be at the Kingis Maiestie and Hienes Secreitt
 Counsall for resoning vpoun sic thingis as than salbe proponit to thame,
 hes ordanit Henry Charteris, thair moderatour, and Thonn Guthre, thair
 clark, to sett down the said extentt agane thair vpcuming, quhilk extendis,
 the collectioun thair of being includit thairin, to four thowsand four scoir
 twa libris thretten schillingis four penneis, and ordanis the collectour to
 be nominatt to se thair agentt rais and execute letteris vpoun thair
 charges for dew and haistie ingetting of the samyn.

Secundo Octobris 1590.

Ane act in the
 burrowis
 names concern-
 ing the con-
 seruatur to
 beforinit agane
 the morn.

The commissioneris foirsaidis being conuenit in the place abouewrittin,
 efter lang conference had with Maister Robert Denneilstoun, conseruatour
 to the Scottis natioun, be thame selues, and the dene of gild of Edinburgh,
 and dyueris vtheris merchantis traffecquaris in Flanderis, ordanis, at his
 desyir, ane act to be formit towartt thair willis anentt the fyvetene stures
 contenit in his gift, and of thair myndes towartis him in sic heidis as ar
 mentionat thairin.

Apud Edinburgh, tercio Septembris 1590.

Anent the ex-
 cyse of beir
 and wyne in
 Campheir, and
 maner of the
 distributioun
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 the conserua-
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 collectour to
 samekle thair-
 of, as could pay
 ane ministeris
 stepend.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris of the burrowis of Edinburgh,
 Dondy, Perth, Sanctandros, Striveling, and Hadingtoun, efter lang reson-
 ing vpoun thatt heid of ane actt, maid and sett down at Abirdene be the
 commissioneris of burrowis conuenit in ane generall assemblie halden
 thairat vpoun the tentt of Iulij last bypast, gevand thame powar, for
 thame and thair saidis burrowis and haill remanent burrowis of this
 realme, thairby to tak ordour with the excyse of beir and wyne in
 Campfer, for the caussis contenit in ane actt maid and sett down att Sanct-
 andros in ane generall assemblie of burrowis haldin thairat in Aprile j^m.
 v^c four scoir nyne yeris, and to se the samyn, as said is, sett down and
 establischt, and the said excyse putt to the maist avall for providing of ane
 ministeris stipend to serue in ane Scottis kirk in the said toвне of Camp-

fer to be erected, and thatt of the rediest money of the said excyse of beir and wyne, in sic quantitie as salbe thocht be thame agreable to his functioun: Findis, for thame selues and thair saidis burrowis, and as havand commissioun of the remanent burrowis of this realme, that of the rediest of the money of the said excyse of sax lastis beir and twa tunnis and ane half of wyne he salbe yeirlie ansueritt and thankfullie payitt, and the remanentt ten lastis of beir and twa tunnis and ane half of wyne proportionally to the Scottis natioun resorting the said tovne of Campfer, conforme to the informationis and instructions to be gevn be thame, or sic as they sall depute, to the conseruator of the Scottis natioun foirsaid, quha salbe astricted to se zeirlie the lawful distributioun thairof, and yeirlie at the generall assemblie of burrowis, aither be him selff or his procuratouris, to mak compte to thame of the samyn. And becaus thair is nochtt ane minister presentlie appoynted to serue in the said Scotis kirk at Campfer, thatt the said conseruatour salbe lykewyis astricted, as he wilbe ansuerabill to the saidis haill burrowis vpoun his office, to se the stipend foirsaid of the money of the excyse of the saidis sax lastis beir and twa tunnis and ane half of wyne dewlie collected and ingatheritt, and be comptabill to the saidis burrowis thairfoir, as alsua to mak the samyn furthcumand to thame at thair requisitioun, and ay and quhill the said minister be appointed as said is; and the entrie of the said conseruatouris collectioun thairof to be and begyn at the feist of Mertymes nixtt. Forther, for sure payment to the said conseruatour to the effect aboue expremitt of the saidis excyse money of the saidis sax lastis beir and twa tunnis and ane half of wyne, that befor the ressaung thatt he tak the factouris and awneris, occupearis of frie houssis, straitlie obleist to resave the samyn, and thairafter, at his requisitioun, to mak to him or sic as he sall depute dew and thankful payment thairof, and this in respect of the assignatioun of the samyn to the said minister for his stepend as said is; quhilk, gif it beis nochtt gevin to him to be payit to the said conseruatour, quha sall mak the samyn furthcumand to the burrowis, the saidis factouris and awneris and occupearis of the saidis frie houssis, contraveneris heiroff, to be immediatlie thairefter depriuit be the said conseruator of thair office of factorie, or ony vther benefeitt quhilk thai may or mycht haue ioysit be vertew of the contract maid betuix the magistratis of the said toun of Campfer and haill burrowis of this realme thairanentt. Attour, it is speciallie

prouidit that the payment of the price of the said excyse of the saidis sex lastis beir and tua tunnis and ane half wyne be conforme to the price of the excyse of Inglis beir and wyne tane vp be the magistrattis of the toun of Campheir foirsaid, and ordanis the extract heiroff to be gevin to the said conseruatour, be thair generall clerk, to the effect he pretend na ignorance heiroff.

Abirdene and Pettinweme vnlawit, ilk ane of thame, in xx li., and decernit to pay the annuall of foure scoir poundis, quhill the lauchfull redemptioun thairoff.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis, efter the hering of vmquhile Robert Gourlay generall collectouris comptis, presentlie maid be Androw Mekill his seruand, and finding that, of the impost collectit for the outred of vmquhile Maister George Hackquet, conseruatour, and Iohne Gourlay, to the pairtis of Flanderis in the effairis of burrowis, thair is awand to the said collectour the sowme of ane hundreth fiftie sex poundis to compleit the sowme of aucht hundreth poundis, with the haill interes bigane preceding the day and daitt heiroff, and that the samyn is awand in default of compte rekning and payment making of the intronissioun be the burrowis of Abirdene and Pettinweme of thair pairtis of the said impost, quha, at the last generall assemblee of burrowis haldin at Abirdene in the moneth of Iunij last, thair commissioneris wer than ordanit to haue cumin to this present conuention to haue maid compt rekning and payment of thair bygane intronissioun with the impostis foirsaidis, ilk ane of thame vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx. li., by and attour the payment of ane yeirlie annuall of foure scoir poundis yeirlie payit be the burrowis for nocht redeming of the principale sowme of aucht hundreth poundis gevin and debursit for the caussis abouementionat, as at lenth is contenit in the principale act set down thairanent; quhilkis tua burrowis, the commissioneris foirsaidis, for them selffis thair saidis burrowis and haill remanent burrowis of this realme, conforme to the tennour of the said act maid and set down at Aberdene the xij. of Iunij last, decernis ilk ane of thame in ane vnlaw of twenty poundis for the nocht making of thair comptis of thair bygane intronissioun with the saidis impostis, as alsua to pay the annuall foirsaid sa lang as the samin is vnredemit, ay and quhill the lauchfull redemptioun thairoff, and incais thai refusis to pay the saidis vnlawis, as alsua the annuall foirsaid, that letteris of horning be purchest and execute againis thame thairfor sa oft as neid sall requyre; And David Watsoun, commissioner for the burch of Sanetandris, and Iohne Traill, commissioner for the burgh of Dondie, quha wer lykewyis ordanit be the

act foirsaid, maid at Aberdene in Iunij last, at this conventioun to haue maid compt rekning and payment of thair bigane intromissioun with the said impost, vnder the panis befor mentionat, protestit that in respect thai had maid to the said generall collectour and his deputtis compt rekning and payment of the samyn, as be the acquittances schawin and producit be the saidis commissioneris wes cleirlye vnderstand, that thai could be assolzeit fra all payment of the said vnlaw and annuall foirsaid; quhilk protestatioun the saidis commissioneris admittit and assolzeit thame and thair saidis burrowis thairfra.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis, for thame selffis, thair saidis burrowis, and as haueand full power and commissioun of the remanent burrowis of this realme to elect and nominat, be deceis of vmquhile Robert Gourlay, collectour, ane vther in his place, and becaus the samyn can nocht now gudlie be done, nather may thai await langer vpoun the doing of the samyn, thairfor thai, for thame selffis, thair saidis burrowis and remanent burrowis of this realme, geveis full power and commissioun to the provest baillies and counsale of the burgh of Edinburgh to elect and chuse ane sufficient collectour to ingadder quhatsumevir restis awand to the haill burrowis, and to appoynt to him, in thair names, sic fie and stepend for sic space as thai sall think expedient, vpoun sic conditionis and instructionis as salbe gevin to him be the saidis provest baillies and counsale of Edinburgh, and agreabill to the weillfair of burrowis, and in speciall that thai sie the said collectour to be nominatt with all diligence collect and ingadder the extent of four thowsound fourescoir twa poundis threttene schillingis four pennies sett down vpoun the saidis burrowis, as for the prices of thretty twynis wyne, delyuerit to the Kingis Maiestie vpoun the inlaik of his Hienes customes frome the first of October 1588 to the first off October 1589; as alsua that he collect and ingadder the restis awand and contenit in the said vmquhile generall collectouris comptis, and generalie all vther restis awand to thame, and that the saidis provest baillies and counsale tak the said collectour actit and oblist, yeirlie at the generall conventioun of burrowis, to mak compt rekning and payment of the intromissioun had with the restis foirsaidis, and sic vther sowmes of money as it salhappin to intromet with enduring the tyme of his collectorie; And the saidis commissioneris, for thame selffis and remenant burrowis, promissis to hald ferme and stabill all and quhatsumevir thing the saidis prouest baillies

Commissioun
to Edinburgh
to elect ane col-
lectour.

and counsale of Edinburgh, anent the premissis, sall think neidfull for to be done etc. And the saidis commissioneris, efter forder aduysement vpoun the nominatioun of the said collectour, finding Henrie Charteris maist qualifeit, thairfoir hes nominat and electit the said Henrie to be thair collectour generall vpoun the conditionis befoir specefeit.

Electio, Winram, agent to the burrowis.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis, for thame selffis, thair saidis burrowis, and as haueand full power and commissioun to elect and chus ane generall agent to attend vpoun thair effairis, and in all thair actionis to persew and defend quhensoeuer occasioun salbe offerit, hes nominat maid and constitute, and be this present act nominatis makis and constitutis thair weilbelouit Iames Winrame thair generall agent and attender ouer all thair effairis, with power to him, in thair names and vpoun thair expenssis, to rais letteris and summondis vpoun quhatsumevir thair actis for recovering and ingetting of quhatsumevir restis or dettis awand to thame, according to sic informationis and instructionis as salbe gevein to him be sic as thai sall depute to that effect, and in speciall, that he caus with all diligence possibill rais letteris and execute the samyn aganis the burrowis vnlawit at the last generall assemblee at Aberdene, and that he collect and ingadder the samyn, and of the first and rediest thairoff mak payment to sic as ar to be payit thairof, conforme to ane act maid and sett doun at Aberdene the ix of Iunij last bipast thairanent, and of the superplus of the saidis vnlawis he salbe comptabill at the nixt generall assemblee of burrowis thairfoir. And the said agentis office to indure for the space of ane yeir nixt efter the day and dait heiroff, and forther induring thair willis, ay and quhill he be dischargeit thairoff; to quhome, for his yeirlye fie, they assigne ane hundreth merkis to be payit be thame to him, and ordanis thair generall collectour, to be nominat, to satisfie for the letteris raisit or to be raisit, and officiaris expenssis for executioun thairoff or vtherwayis, quhensoeuer it salhappin him to haue ado with money, in persute or defence of the saidis burrowis actionis, that the said collectour ansuer him thairoff, and the samyn salbe allowit to him in his comptis; and ordanis the extract heiroff and of the saidis instructionis, quhen the samyn salbe maid, to be gevin to thair said agent, vnder the subscriptioun of thair generall clark.

Collectour to write to Innernes.

The samyn day, ordanis thair collectour to writ vnto the toun of Innernes to mak payment of thair pairtt of the extent raisit for the price

of threttie twnis wyne vpoun the inlaikis of the customes, quhilk gif thai refus to pay, that he caus rais and execute letteris aganis the said burch for ane vnlaw of xx li., quhairin thai war adiugeit at the last generall assembleie of burrowis, haldin at Aberdene the xij day of Iunij last, and that for thair suspending, vpoun ane wrang narrative, of the letteris raisit be vmquhile generall collectour in thair names for payment to him of thair pairtt of the extent foirsaid, and that vpoun the refusall Iames Winrahame, agent, persew the said suspentioun with all diligence possibill, vpoun the saidis burrowis expenssis, and the collectour to ansuer him of sic sowmes of money as he sall haif ado with to that effect, quhilk salbe allowit to him in his comptis.

The samyn day, anent the sowme of twenty twa thowsand markis lent be the saidis burrowis to the Kingis Maiestie, the commissioneris foirsaidis, haueing past down to the Abbay to his Maiestie Secreitt Counsell to haue had payment thairroff, agane ressaut na ansuer in respect thair wes na full number of the said Secreitt Counsell.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis, efter ressoning vpoun ane act maid at the last generall conventioun haldin at Aberdene in Iunij last, quhairby vpoun the complaint of the burrowis of Kingorne, Kirkcaldy, and Dysart aganis the burch of Bruntiland vplifting thre schilling foure penneis of ilk schip, quhairvnto the said burch, as thai allegeit, had na rycht, nor neuer wes in vse of befor be ony rycht to vplift the samyn, the said burch of Bruntiland wes dischargeit of ony forther vplifting thairroff, and wer ordanit to haue compeirit to this present conventioun to haue producit thair rychtis, gif ony thai had thairto, and nocht haueing compeirit nor producit the samyn, thairfor hes dischargeit and dischargeis, as of befor, conforme to the tennour of the said act maid at Aberdene, the said burgh of Bruntiland off ony vplifting of the dewitie foirsaid fra this furch, and that thai be wairnit to produce thair rycht, gif ony thai haiff thairto, at the nixt generall assembleie of burrowis, to be haldin at Munros, with certificatioun to thame, and thai failze, thay sall incur sic pane and vnlaw as salbe adioynit to thame be the commissioneris to be convenit at the said nixt generall assembleie, to be haldin at Munros as said is; and ordanis ane copy heirowff to be sent and gevein to the magistrattis of the said burch of Bruntiland to the effect thai pretend na ignorance.

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Burrowis, Con-
servatour.

The samyn day, the commissioneris foirsaidis being convenit in the counsalhous of the burch of Edinburgh, for taking of ordour with Maister Robert Danielstoun, conservatour of the Scottis privilegis in Flanderis, havand full power and commissioun of the remanent burrowis of this realme to that effect be thair act and ordinance maid at thair generall conventioun in Aberdene in the moneth of Iunij last bipast, as the samyn at mair lenth beiris, Comperit the said Maister Robert, and exponit and declarit to thame that he had obtenit the gift of the office of conservatorie at the Kingis Maiestie, and of simplicitie, nocht knawand the burrowis to haif sic entres thairin as he now vnderstandis thame to haif, purchest the said gift, with speciale libertie and power contenit thairin, to tak and vplift tuelf sturis of euerie sek of guidis that salhappin to arryve in Flanderis of the merchand, and thrie stureis fra the maister and awneris of the schip; and yit neuertheles, gif thai find thame selfis in eny way hurte or preiudgeit thairby, he wes content to be reformit be thame, as persones quhom to the samin properlie pertenis, according to thair gude will and plesour, and submittit himself haillelie thairto. Quhilk being hard and considderit be the commissioneris foirsaidis, fand that the burrowis of this realme wes gretelie hurt and preiudgeit, insamekile as he purchest ony dewitie to be taikin and vpliftit of thair guidis by thair consentis, as alsua fand fault with sum vther claussis contenit in the said gift tending to thair preiudice; and thairfor the said Maister Robertt, confessing his awin oursicht in the vptaking of the dewtie contenit thairin, by the avyse and consent of the burrowis, hes renunceit and dischargeit, and be their presentis renunceis and dischargeis, that pairt of his said gift geveand him power to vptak fra the merchandis tuelf sturis vpoun euery sek of guidis, and all and sindry vther claussis contenit thairin tending in ony way to thair hurtt and preiudice, and submittit himself haillelie to thair willis towardt the vptaking of the dewtie in tyme cuming, and oblissis him neuer to sute nor obtene na maner of gift in ony tyme heirefter that may be preiudiciall to the burrowis' libertis and privilegis thairroff by thair awin consentis had and obtenit thairto, bot sould ressaue at their handis quhatsumevir instructionis and communicationis that thai wald gif him for the honour and weillfair of the natioun, as his predecessouris had done of befor. And thairfor the commissioneris foirsaidis, vnderstanding as appeirit to thame that he wes of

gude will and mynd to satisfie thame in all thingis that could be resson-
nable craveit of him, and to gif him occasioun to be the mair diligent in
thair effairis in all tymes heirefter, for thaime selffis, and takand the
burding vpoun thame for the remanent haill burrowis of this realme,
havand power thairto grantit to thame be the saidis burrowis in maner
foirsaid, be thir presentis gevis grantis and disponis to the said Maister
Robertt tuelff sturis of euerie sek of guidis that salhappin to arryve
within the pairtis of Flanderis in tyme cuming for his lyfetye, and gevis
him full power and libertie to vptak the samyn fra the merchandis, and
gif neid beis to poind and distrenzie thairfoir. And siclyke consentis and
is content, safer as thair power may extend to, that the vptaking thre
sturis of the maisteris and awneris of schipis, of euerie sek of guidis that
salhappin to arryve in the saidis pairtis of Flanderis, as said is; and or-
danis the autentik extractt heiroff to be gevein to the said conseruatour,
vnder the subscription of Iohne Guthre thair generall clark.

R. DENISTON: Conser.

The samyn day, it is statute and ordanit be the commissioneris foir-
saidis, for thame selffis their saidis burrowis, and as haueand power and
commissioun of the remanent haill burrowis of this realme, that quhenso-
euer or howoft the rycht honorabill Maister Robert Danielstoun, conserua-
tour, salbe desyreit, ather be the magistratis of the toun of Campheir or
ony vther counsall within the Ile of Watter, to cum and consult with
thame vpoun ony mater or materis concerning the estait of merchandis, or
quhensoeuer he him selff desyreis the samyn with ony of the afoirsaidis, as
he sall fynd it necessar for the maintenance of the Scottis privilegis or
honour of the office of conseruatorie, or for ony vther generall or particular
caus of merchandis or vtherwayis, and howoft the samyn sall interuene
or occur, that, vpoun his charge and command, the factouris in generall, or
samony as he sall think necessar and expedient, sall accompany and
assist his lordschip quhen and howoft thai salbe requirit or chargeit be
him, and quha refusiss to obey the samin, that immediatlie thairefter
the said conseruatour vplift of ilk refusar and dissobeyar of his charge
fourtie schillingis grite, to be uptaikin of thame and euey ane of thame
sa oft as thai failze but fauouris.

Statute for
factouris to
accompany the
Conseruatour
vnder the pane
of xl. s. grite.

Apud Edinburgh quinto Octobris 1590.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris foirsaidis ordanis Iohn Guthre, thair clark, to send the extract of the act maid anentis Aberdene and Pettinweme for nocht payment of thair impostis, togidder with tua missives in thair names, certifeing the saidis burghes thairby, incais thair satisfie nocht the said impost immediatlie efter the ressauing thairoff, that the panis and vnlawis contenit in the said act salbe vpliftit of thame but faouris.

Henrie Charteris
Geoirge Heireot
Patrik Blair
Walter Cowane

I. Vilsoune
Iohnne Traill
Dauid Watsone
I. Wynname, agent.

Montrois.

In the Conventioun of Burrowis haldin at the burgh of Montrois the saxtene day of Iunij j^m v^c four scoir alevin zeris, and continewand to the xxj day thairof, Comperitt the Commissioneris of Burrowis vnder subscrivand, quha producitt thair commissionis and missives of the burghis dispensitt with efter following, viz.,

For Edinburgh, Iames Nicoll and Edward Galbraith; Kingorn, William Cunnyname; Innerkething, George Dury; Striveling, Walter Cowan; Linlithqu, Androw Kar; Renfrow, be ane missive presented be the commissioner of Glasqu; Rutherglene, be ane missive presentit be the commissioner of Edinburgh; Aire, Alexander Mowet; Irruwing, William Scot; Dumfermeling, Thomas Couper; Glasquo, Robert Adame; Kirkeudbrecht, Daniel Haire; Lanerk, Robert Levingstoune; Iedburgh,

Thomas Hendersone ; Hadingtoun, Iohne Wilsone ; Northbervick, be ane missiue presentit be the commissioner of Hadingtoun ; Dunbar, Maister Alexander Kellie ; Lawder, be ane missiue presentit be the commissioner of Jedburgh ; Dumfres, Harbert Rening ; Aberdene, Alexander Rutherford ; Dundie, Williame Duncane, Iohne Traill ; Pearth, Patrik Blair ; Banfe, Alexander Currou, but preiudice of the exemptioun at Aberdene ; Craill, Iohne Bousie ; Forfar, George Sutie, Robert Diksone ; Brechen, Daid Dempster, Williame Ramsay ; Montros, Robert Lichtoune, Maister James Wishart ; Elgene, Alexander Annand, but preiudice of their exemptioun ; Invernes, be ane missiue, etc. ; Aberbrothok, Thomas Peirsone ; Sanctandros, Maister Daid Russell ; Couper, Iames Petersone ; Fores, be ane missiue presentit be Alexander Annand commissioner of Elgene ; Narne, be ane missiue presentit be ane commissioner of Edinburgh ; Dysairt, Iames Hacqueit ; Kirkcaldie, Iohne Hacqueit, Michall Kirkcaldie ; Pettinveme, Thomas Kingzow, quhais commissioun was refusit as he quha is rebell and wnlawit in respect thair of ; Brintiland, Iohne Orroke ; Anstruther be eist the burne, Iohne Alexander.

Apud Montros die decimo sexto mensis Iunij 1591.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissionaris foirsaidis hes ellectit and nominat Robert Lichtoune, as principall in commissioun for the burght of Montros, in moderatour to this present conuention during the tyme thair of, etc. Electio, moderatour.

The same day, compeirit Maister Iohne Scheine, and as procuratour as he alledgit for the communitie of the burght of Aberdene, and protestit that the commissioun of Alexander Rutherford, as commissioner for the said burgh, and provest bailzeis counsell and communitie thair of, suld nocht preiudge the said communitie in ony actioun dependand betuix thame befor the Lordis of our Souerane Lordis Sessioun. Protestatio, Scheine.

The same day, the commissionaris foirsadis ratiefieis and apprevis the act maid and sett doune at the burght of Pearth, anentis thair convening vpoun the first day of thair generall conventionis, with addition that ilk commissioner compeir the said first day be twelf houris befor nyne, wnder the paine thairin contenit, providing awayis incaice thei compeir Act of Convention ratified with additionis.

be tua houris efter nwne immediatlie thairefter and present their commissionis to incure allanerlie ten pundis of wnlaw.

Convening at
this Conuen-
tion.

The sam day, etc., the commissionaris foirsaidis hes statut and ordanit that ilk ane of thame convene induring this present conventioun ilk day be aucht houris in the morning, and efter nwne be twa houris, wnder the paine of sex schillingis viij d. ilk commissioner, etc.

Dilligence of
Aberbrothok.

The samin day, etc., the commissionaris foirsaidis findis Thomas Persone, commissioner for the burght of Aberbrothok, to haue producit sufficient dilligence vpon the bestowing of iij^{xx} pundis in the apparrelling of thair kirk, and thairby the first heid of the missiue to be sattiffieit.

Wnlawing of
the commis-
sionaris nocht
compeirand at
the hour ap-
pointit.

The samin day, the commissionaris foirsaid, for obserwing of the statut abouewrittin anentis the comperance of ilk commissioner at the houris thairin appointit, hes adiugit the commissioner of Forfar, Brechene, and Elgene in the wnlawis thairin contenit, quha payit the samin to Robert Lichtoune moderatour, for thair nocht compeirance the said day be tua houris efter nwne.

xvij Iunij 1591.

Wnlawing bur-
rowis absenti,
etc.

The quhilk day, the commissionaris foirsaidis has adiugit and adiugis the burrowis of Dunbartane, Wigtoune, Qulithorne, Peblis, Selkreg, Pettinweme, Cullane, and Thayne, ilk ane of thame in ane paine and wnlaw of xx pundis for their nocht compeirance at this present conventioun, being lauchtfullie citat and wairnit thairto as was sufficientlie veriefieit be Iames Guthrie, clerk to the said burch of Montros, quha heirvpon, and wpon the lauchtfull citatioun of the remanent haill burrowis, askit instrumentis ; and ordanis Iames Winrahame, thair agent, to wplift the saidis wnlawis, and wpoun the refusaris to pay the samin to rais letteris and executoriallis, etc.

Ansuer to
Edinburgh, for
xxv^c. merkis.

The sam day, etc., anentis the ansuer to be geving to the burght of Edinburgh, craweing the remboursment be the burrowis of the sowme of tuentie fywe hundreth merkis aduancit be thame in name of the burrowis, as thei alledgit, for the cawsis and to the effect mentionat in the act set doune thairanent at Aberdene in the last generall assemble haldin thairat in Iunij 1590, the haill commissionaris foirsaidis disasentis thairto, becaus

the aduanceing thair of was by thair consentis and knowlege ; and James Nicoll, commissioner for the saidis burght of Edinburgh, protestit for actioun and remeid of law.

The samin day, etc., the commissioneris foirsaidis, efter dew consideration had of the increas and decreas of the haill burrowis of this realme, and finding the thrie yeiris of the last generall taxt roll of ane hundreth pundis to be exspirit, thairfor hes vniuersalie concludit to the reformatioun thair of, and to that effect hes nominat the commissioneris efter following to be setteris downe of the samin, viz., for Edinburgh, James Nicoll ; Linlithgow, Andrew Kar ; Aire, Alexander Mowet ; Dumfries, Harbert Renning ; Aberdene, Alexander Rutherford ; Dundie, Williame Duncane ; Montros, Maister James Wischart ; Couper, James Petersone ; and Sanct-andros, Maister David Russell ; to quhome, for thame selffis and haill remanent burrowis of this realme, they gif full power and commissioun to the downe setting of the said taxt roll wpon euerie perticullar burght, according to knowlege and conscience, but feid or fauour ; quha, being solempnitlie sworne to that effect, acceptit in and wpon thame the alteratioun of the said taxt roll ; and the saidis commissioneris *promiserunt de rato etc.*

Commissioneris appointed for alteration of the generall taxt roll.

Apud Montrois die decimo octauo Iunij 1591.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris foirsaidis ratefeis and appreis ane act maid att Glasqu, in ane generall conventioun of burrowis haldin thairatt, vpoun the xxv day of Februar 1579, bering all commoun contrauersies and questionis amangis burrowis concerning thair liberties to be amicable referrit to thame, or sic thre or four of thair nomber as salbe chosin to decyde thairintill, as at full lenth is contenit in the said act of the daitt foirsaid, wnder the panis thairin contenit, and interpretis the foirsaidis word, amangis, to extend and be extendit wpon the foirsaidis questionis alsweill within the bowellis of thair particular burghtis as betuix burght and burgh, concerning the commoun weill libertieis and weillfair thair of, and the saidis burrowis in thair actionis debetable alsweill within as betuix thame, to be iudgit be the commissaris of burrowis conwenand to the generall assembleis thair of, quhen and quhow oft sic ane occatioun

Appreiving of the act of concurrence maid at Glasgow with the interpretation thair of.

salbe offerit, wnder the painis as said is contenit in the said act at Glasgow.

Abirdene dis-
asenting to the
act preceeding.

The same day, Alexander Rutherfurd, commissioner for the burght of Abirdein, in name of the provost baillieis and counsell thairrof, disasentit to ane act preceeding, in that the word, amangis, thairin continet, suld [nocht] concerne ane burght in perticular, in questioun debetable within the samin, bot allanerlie betuix burght and burght, and adheret to that pairt of the first act of concurence maid at Strewiling, wnto the quhilk the secund act maid at Glasgow as he allegit is rellatiwe, that is, that all actionis intentit befor the said act suld ressaue decisioun be the Lordis of Session, befor quhame the actioun debettable betuix the said provest baillis and counsell of the said burght of Aberdene and communitie thairrof is dependand.

Edinburght to
prouid ane
minister to
Campheir.

The samin day, etc., the commissioneris fairsaidis, for thameselffis and remanent haill burrowis of this realme, gifis full power and commission to the provest bailzeis and counsell of the burght of Edinburght to agrie with ane minister to the kirk to be erectit in the towne of Campheir, and wpon his stipend to condisend, conforme to the conditionis set downe in ane act maid at Edinburght in October last, and generallie all and quhatsumeuer thingis heirin to do, exerce, and vse, that thei micht do thame selffis gif thei war personallie present, promissand ferme and stable &c.

Edinburght to
writ to Midel-
burgh, etc.

The samin day, etc., the commissioneris fairsaidis requeist the magistratis of the burght of Edinburgh direct ane missiue or suplicatioun in thair names to the magistratis of the townis of Midilburght, Flischen, Estaitis in Flanderis, and sic townis thairrof as the conseruatour sall gif thame informatioun, for sutting of redres at the saidis magistratis handis of the guidis pileit frome the Scottis natioun thir zeiris bygane, conforme to the inventure to be maid be the said conseruatour thairrof, *promittendo de rato, etc.*

Continewatio
ansuer to For-
faris supplica-
tioune aganis
Dundie to the
nixt conven-
tion.

The samin day, etc., anent the supplicatioun gifin in be the commis-sionar of the burght of Forfar aganis the burght of Dundie, craweing thairby reddres of the said burght for the wplifting fra thame of ane laidilfull of euerie laid of victuall brocht in be the inhabitantis of the said burght of Forfar to the mercat of the said burght of Dundie, quhilk thei war neuer in vse to pay quhill within this sex zeiris, as thei allegit, the

said burght of Dundie hes, contrair all richt, wnto the grit preiudice of the said burght of Forfaris preuileg and rycht, vsurpit the wplifting thairof, as at mair length is contenit in thair said supplicatioun gifin in thairanent, continewis all farder proceeding heirintill to the nixt generall assemble of burrowis quhaireuer it sall hapin the same appointtit to be haldin, and ordanis that in the meane tyme na sick dewitie or custume of ony kynd of victual to be presentit be the inhabitantes of the said burght of Forfar to the said mercat at Dundie be wpliftit or wptane be custumaris thairof, bot that onlie ane invintar to be maid of the samin be thair said custumar of the quantitie of the said victuall, the manis surname of the presenteris thairof, and thei to find cawtioun that, in caice the richt and preuilege of the said burght of Dundie be fund mair valid and effectuell than the rycht of the said burght of Forfar, that then and in that caice, at the said nixt generall assemble of burrowis, the saidis inhabitantes of Forfar and thair cawtionaris salbe ansuerable and pay thair saidis custumis, conforme to the said inventur, to the said custumaris of Dundie; and gif the said burght of Forfaris richtis beis fund mair valid nor the said burght of Dundieis, the samin to haue full effect thairefter, and the said burght of Dundieis to be annullit and fra thine furth dischairgit of ony farder wplifting of the custum and dewtie foirsaid; quhairwnto Williame Duncane, commissioner for the said burght of Dundie, disasentit. And ordanis the tennour of this act to be rememberit in the missiues to be direct for keiping of the said nixt generall assemble.

The samin day, etc., continewis all ansuer gifing to the conseruatouris sut crewing reambursment of the burrowis of sic sowmes as he hes depursit in the generall effairis of the estait of merchandice trafiqueand in the Law Cuntreis to thair nixt generall assemble, quhaireuer the samin salbe appointtit to be haldin, and to be rememberit in missiues to be direct thairto.

Continewatioun ansuer to the conseruatour.

The samin day, etc., agreis to the thrid articule gifin in be the Conseruitour and desyrit be him to be set doune in act be thame for the weill and commoditie of the merchandis; as alsua agreis to the first, fyft, sevint, aucht, and nynt articulis to be requirit be the saidis commissioneris of burrowis of the Burrow Maisteris of the toune of Campheir, as the samin in particular lying in Iohne Guthrieis generall clerkis handis pro-

Articulis Conseruatour.

portis, quhom thei ordane to extract and delyuer to the said Conseruatour in thair names, and this present salbe his warand.

Act against
chapmen to be
confeint in the
missiues.

The samin day, etc., ordanis that ilk burght sall send thair commissiounaris fullilie instructit to report at the nixt generall assemble of burrowis thair diligence in writ wpon the execution of the act maid at Sanct-andros, wnder the panis thairin contenit, and ordanis the samin to be rememberit in thair messiuues, quhilk act was maid aganis chapmen and vtheris resorting to frie burrowis, etc.

Rutherglene
exemit for
thrie yeiris.

The samin day, etc., hes exemit and exemis the burght of Rutherglen frome all keiping of conventionis for the space of thrie yeiris nixt heirefter, wpon the conditionis contenit in the actis of exemptioun, and remittis wnto the said burght the wnlaw of xx lib. incurit for non compeirence to the last generall assemble haldin at Aberdene; as alsua gifis licence to the said burghtis present commissionar to disolue, quha promiseit to hald firme and stable and quhatsumeuer suld be concludit etc., and geue command to Iohne Guthrie, clerk, to subscriue the generall buik for him.

Exemptio,
Kirkcudbrecht.

The samin day, etc., exemis the burght of Kirkcudbrecht frome keiping of conventionis for the spaice of thrie yeiris nixtocum, wpon prouisioun foirsaid, and that the sowme of thrie scoir pundis be bestowit wpoun the reparelling of thair tolbutth, and thei to mak compt thairof to the burrowis at the expyring of the said thrie yeiris.

Apud Montros decimo nono Iunij 1591.

Statut that
nane sail but
tikittis.

The quhilk day, it wes statut and ordanit that all merchandis resortand to France, Flanderis, or any pairt of the Easter seyis, sall at na tyme heirefter depairt fra ony burght or sey port of this realme without speciall tikitis, wnder the subscriptionis of the denis of gild quhair thei ar, and quhair nane is, to be subscriuit be the magistratis of the burght or sey portis quhairfra thei pas; and the saidis tikitis to contene speciall mentioun of thair fredome and actuall residence within frie borrowis or sey portis as said is; and that ilk merchand present thair saidis tikittis to the Conseruitour in Flanderis, to be anis sene and buikit in his buikis allanerlie; and in vther pairtis, sic as France and easter seyis, to be schawin and product to the maist discreit merchand beand in the schippis for the tyme, passing to ony of the portis thairof, quha salbe haldin to mak re-

port of his delligence to the deine of gild or magistratis of the burght and sey portis quhairfra he passis as said is.

The samin day, efter lang ressoning wpon the allowing or disallowing of ane act maid and set doune be the provest baillieis and counsell of the burght of Aberdene aganis certane of the merchandis comburgessis thairof anent the bying of Inglische claithe frome burght to burght within the realme, as at lenth is contenit in ane act maid and set doune at the said burght of Aberdene in the last generall assemble haldin thairat, all in ane voce findis the said act maid be the said magistratis of Aberdene aganis the merchandis foirsaidis thairof to be dischairgit, and dischairgis the samin, and at na tyme heirefter to haue ony effect, bot to be nulle in the selff and of na executioun as gif the samin had never bene maid, in sa far as the contentis thairof was nocht onlie preiudiciall to the saidis haill merchandice bot generallie to the frie burrowis of this realme.

Anulling of ane act maid be Aberdene aganis certane merchandis thairof.

The samin day, etc., hes exemit and exemis the burght of Aberbrothok frome all keiping of conventionis for the spaice of thrie yeiris nixt heirefter, wpon the conditionis mentionat in the remanent actis of exemptioun, with prouisioun that the sowme of thre scoir pundis be employit wpoun the reparelling of thair decayit harbrie, and to be comptable thairfoir to the saidis burrowis at the ische and outryning of the saidis thrie yeiris.

Exemptio Aberbrothok.

The samin day, the commissionaris foirsaidis hes contenewit and continewis Iohne Guthrie in the office of generall clerkschipe to the burrowis for ane zeir to cum, wpon the conditionis and for the feis and dewities mentionat in his first act of admissioun, and for payment of the rest of the saidis Lohnis bigane ordinar stipend and expensis wnto the first day of Iulij nixt, findis thame awand to the said Iohne the sowme of nyne scoir four pundis money of this realme, and ordanis him to be payit thairof as followis, to wit, in pairt of payment thairof instantlie to ressaife frome Iohne Simsone, sumtyme customar in Anstruther, the sowme of ane hundreth merkes, and the rest to be payit, be the generall collectour or adgent, of the first and reddiest of quhatsumeuer sowmes that sall hapin to be ingottin be thame or ony ane of thame at the instance of the burrowis; and to remember in the missiues to be direct for keiping of the nixt general assemble that the commissionaris to be send thairto cum fullie instructit how he salbe payit of his stipend and ordinar expensis frome the said moneth of Iulij nixt to the moneth of Iulij 1592.

Continewatioun of Iohne Guthrie generall clerk.

Agent et
Symsons.

The samin day, ordanis James Winrahime, agent, in thair names to gif subscriue and delyuer to Iohne Symsons, sumtyme custumar in Anstruther, ane dischaarge of the sowme of ane hundreth merkes to be payit be him to Iohne Guthrie thair generall clerk for the causis mentionat in the last act, at his resseit of the samin, as alsua of the sowme of fourtie pundis restand awand be him to the saidis burrowis of the rest of his haill custume comptis, to the effect the said Iohne may be relaxit frome the horne, prouiding the said Iohne be obleist to pay the said rest to the saidis burrowis at thair first requisitioun of the samin.

Protestatio,
Cheyne, for
the commu-
nitie of Aber-
dene.

The saidis day, compeirit Maister Iohne Cheyne and Alexander Rid-doch in Abirdene, be vertew of ane procuratorie, as thei allegit, sub-scriuit with the maist part of the burgessis and craftismen thair of, haueing presentit ane suplicatioun concerning the reformatioun of the heretable counsell within the said burght, compt and rekning making of thair in-tromissioun with the commoun gud thair of the spaice of threttie zeiris bygane, as thei allegit, and vtheris articulis contenit in ane missue direct be the said communitie to the burrowis, for taking of ordour thairanent, desyrit the fairsaidis commissioneris to tak cognitioun in the saidis mater according to the actis of parliament and positue lawes of burrowis, sum-marlie, or to appoint iudgis to tak odour thairanent wpoun the saidis communitieis expensis, becaus *periculum est in mora*, the new electioun approcheand incaice ony farder delay be maid; and the saidis procura-touris offerrit to proceed befor the commissioneris of burrowes, ather be submissioun in freindlie maner, or be ordour of law, as the saidis commis-sionaris wald appoint, and protestit incaice thair ressonable desyre be refussit, *pro denegata justitia* as thei allegit, and that thei nicht haue place to insist in thair actionis intentit or to be intentit befor the lordis without doing of wrang or incuring of wnlaw.

Protestatio,
Dundie.

The samyn day, compeirit Williame Duncane, commissioner for the burght of Dundie, and, in name of the provest bailzeis counsell and com-munitie thair of, desyrit the saidis commissioneris of burrowis to direct thair commissioneris to concure fortifie and assyst thame in tairking of inventar, losing, and housing of certane coper, mader, quheit, and vther geir, wranguslie intromettit furth of ane schipe of Danskeyne be Thomas Ogilwee, James Hay, and thair complices, wpoun ane pretendit lettre of mark, for eschewing of the perell and danger quhairinto the saidis quheit

and vther geir presentlie standis be ouer lang remaning vpon the bodum of the schipe quhairinto it is; siclyk for reambursing to thame of the sowme of thre scoir sevintene pundis xvij s. vj d. depursit be thair thesaurer for annulling of the saidis lettre of mark, officeris fieis, and vther his necessar adois thairanent, according to ane compt producit thairwith, quhilk was taikin wp and wpliftit bak agane be the saidis Williame Duncane, and that becaus the taking away of the saidis lettre of mark as he allegit, and eschewing of the parell quhairinto the saidis geir presentlie standis, was pertenant to the haill estait of burrowis: To the quhilk desyr the commissionaris foirsaidis, but discrepance or diuisioun, all in ane voce alluterlie refussit, and findis thame selffis nawayis obleist thairto, and this conforme as the said commissioner of Dondie allegit to be gevin be ane charge to certan burrowis contenit thairin, etc.

The quhilk day, etc., assignis the burght of Bamfe the wnlaw of the burght of Cullaine, instantlie incurit be the said burght for thair nocht compeirence to this present convention, being lauchtfullie citat theirtho, and that for the said burght of Bamfis reliefe of their wnlaw incurit be thame for nocht compeirence to the last general assemble hauldin at Sanctandros, quhilk was assignit to Patrik Bonkle clerk thairto.

Wnlaw Cullaine assignit to Bamfe.

The same day, etc., forsamekle as the commissionaris of burrowis presentlie assemblit in this present conventioun to treit, consult, and conclud in whatsumeuer materis concerning the aduancement and furtherence of the common weill of the estait of burrowis, quhairby thei may be the mair able at all tymis to prosecute and performe all turnis necessar in quhatsumeuer thair effairis, remembring and considering with thame selffis that in the conuentioun of burrowis haldin at Sanctandros in the moneth of Apryle the zeir of God j^m v^e lxxxix zeiris, it was statut concludit and ordanit that in all and quhatsumeuer boundis within this realme, quhair thair was ony commoun landis ather within or without burght, properlie apertaining thairto, the samin suld be valuit roupit and put to the vtermost awaill and profite it micht be fund to be worth, quhairby the common gud of the said burght micht be aduancit and augmentit, and inhabitantis thairto mair able to serue in all thair effairis in tyme of neid, to the glorie of God, thair awin honour, and aduancement of thair awin natywe cuntrie, and that the commissioner of ilk burght suld, in thair nixt genirall conuentioun, report thair diligence

Act for puting of the commoun gud of burrowis to the best awaill.

heiranent, that the gud mynd and expectatioun of the saidis commisionaris suld nocht be frustrat ; quhilk act thei find hes tane full effect in sum burghtis, and sum gud succes followit thairvpon, to their grit comfort and aduancement of their commoun weil, and in sindrie vther burghtis na dilligence schawin thairin, to the grit hurt and hinderence of their commoun weill, quha hes bene sleuthfull and negligent in prosecutioun of the said turne : Heirfoir it is statut, concludit, and ordanit, be the haill commissionaris all in ane voce, but varience, that in quhatsum-euer burght within this realme haueand ony commoun landis, ather within or without the samin, appertening to thame, they, with all possible diligence, caus valour, roup, and put the samin to the vtermaist awaill and profit, for the aduancement of thair common weil to the effect foirsaid, be setting the samin ather in tak or few, be the provest bailzeis and counsell of the burght, with the aduyse of the communitie thairof, as thei sall find maist profitable for thair weill ; and that the Kingis Maiestieis autoritie be crevit to be interponit heirto with executorialis thairvpon to charge the inhabitantis in quhatsumeer, burghtis, to concure, consent, and agrie heirto wnder the paine of rebellion, and the dissobeyaris to be denunciit rebellis, and that the commissionaris of ilk burgh to report their dilligence heiranent to the nixt generall conuention of burrowis wnder the panis contenit in thair actis.

Forfaris ac-
tioun aganis
the Maister of
Glammis.

The same day, anent the supplicatioun presented be the commissioner of the burgh of Forfar, for concurring and assisting of the said burgh in the actioun dependand befor the Lordis of Sessioun for the wrangis done be the Maister of Glamis to the inhabitantis thairof, to thair greitt hurtt and preiudice of thair liberties, and dangerous preparative to the haill estaitt of burrowis incais he prevaill thairin, as thair supplicatioun foirsaid in the selff at full lenth proportis ; findis the said actioun gretumlie to concern nocht onlie the said burgh bott thair haill estait, quhairfoir for the maist pairtt hes aggrieit and condescenditt thatt thair salbe furneist be thair agent or collectour generall the sovme of fourty li. of the sovmes of money to be ingottin fra sic as restis awand the same to thame, to be gevin to the said burgh for defence of thair said actioun, the provest and baillies of Edinburgh awyis to be oursearis to the des-tributioun thairof ; quhairvnto the commissioneris of Edinburgh dissas-sentit except alanerlie to concur and assist the said burgh, butt deburs-ing of ony money.

The same day, exemis the burgh of Dumbar from keping of all conuentionis be north Forth for the space of thre zeris nixt heirefter, vpoun the conditionis mentionatt in the remanentt actis of exemption, and with prouision thatt the sowme of thre scoir li. be employitt vpoun the reparrelling of thair deokayitt harberie, and to be comptabill thairfoir to thame at the expyryng of the saidis thre zeris.

Dumbar ex-
emit for thre
zeris.

The same day, etc., Thomas Peirson, commissioner for the burgh of Abirbrothok, licentiat to desolue, quha ratefeitt all thingis to be concludit at this presentt conuention, *et promisit de rato, etc.*

Licence to
Abirbrothok to
desolue quha
ratefeitt, etc.

The same day, etc., ratiefieis the act maid at Edinburch in the generall assemble of the burrowis haldin thairat in the moneth of the zeir of God j^m v^e fourscoir zeris, anentis the rembursing to the said burch of xij^e merkes for Adame Foulertoun, etc., and now as than, and then as now consentis to the payment to the said burch thairfof, in maner as is contentit thairin, and disassentis simpliciter fra payment of ony interest thairfor, becaus thei ar nocht haldin thairfoir nor obleist thairto, and, in caice of thair refusall to ressaue the said sowme of xij^e merkes but interest, ordanis Iohne Guthrie thair clerk to forme and subscryue in thair names ane sufficient power to Iames Winrame thair agent, and sik vtheris as he sall appoint, to defend in the said matter, promisand firme and stable, etc.; and quhatsumeuer sowmes of money the said agent depursis heiranent to be allowit to him in the first end of his comptis, vtherwayis to be reambursit to him incaice he depurs out of his awin purs.

Ratiefecatioun
of Edinburghis
act for Adam
Foulertoun
with command
to Ihone
Guthrie clerk
to mak ane
procuratorie,
incaice of
thair refus, to
defend thairin.

The samin day, the saidis commissionaris ratiefieis and appreuis the act of admissioun of Iames Winrahame thair agent, and allowis to him the sowme of ane hundreth merkis for his fee frome October fourscoir ten to October four scoir elleuin, togidder with the sowme of tuentie pundis for keping of this present conuention, quhairof thei ordane him to pay him selff of the rediest sowmes that salbe gottin in.

The burrowis
adgent.

The samin day, etc., exemit and exemis the burch of Nairne, at the request of Iames Nicoll, ane of the commissionaris of Edinburch, frome keping of all conuentionis for the spaice of thrie zeiris nixt heirefter, wpon the conditionis contentit in the remanent actis of exemption.

Nairne exemit.

Vigesimo primo Iunij 1591.

Inrolling An-
struther be
west the burne
in the generall
roll of bur-
rowis.

The quhilk day, anent the commissioun presentit to Andro Melwell, commissioner for the bailzeis counsell and communitie of Anstruther be west the burne, the saidis commissionaris findis the said commissioun nocht to be guid, in respect thei wnderstand nocht that the saidis towne of Anstruther be west the burne is erectit ane frie burgh, insafar as thair allegit erection is nocht productit, neither is the said towne enrollit in the nummer of frie burrowis, ordaning thairfoir the same to send commissioneris to produce thair said erectioun befoir the provest and bailzeis of Edinburgh wpon the tent day of Iulij nixt, quhen as thei ordane the commissioner of the burght of Craill to aduerteis the magistratis thairfoir to send thair commissionaris fullie instructit to oppone aganis the erectioun foirsaid; or vtherways the said burght of Craill, and sick vther burrowis as may be preiudgit thairby, to send thair commissioneris to the nixt generall assemble of burrowis instructit to that effect, and the said towne of Anstruther than to produce thair said richt to be enrollit thairat; and the said Androw Melvill, as procuratour and commissioner for the said towne, is content the samin be inrollit in the generall taxt roll following, and to pay thair pairt thairfoir according to thair habilitie, and as the said burght is set doune in the samin; quhairwnto Iohne Busie, commissioner for the burght of Craill, disasentit and protestit that the inrolling of the said towne of Anstruther be west the burne in the generall taxt roll suld nawayis preiudge the samin in the liberteis and preiuleges thairfoir, and that thei nicht be hard to opone aganis the said townis richtis quhen as the samin suld be productit.

Protestatio
Craill.

Cowperis com-
plent to be re-
memberit in
the missiues
togider with
Craillis.

The samin day, etc., ordanis to remember in the missiues the complent of the burght of Cowper aganis Anstruther, Pettinweme, and vtheris, and thei to be wairnit to send thair commissionaris to the nixt generall assemble to ansuer thairto; as alsua that the towne of Anstruther be east the burne be wairnit to ansuer to the complent of the burght of Craill, at the said nixt generall conuentioun, and to cum instructit thairto to that effect.

Act approving
the extant roll
following.

The quhilk day, the extentouris nominat to the alteratioun of the

generall taxt roll of burrowis, wpon the sowme of ane hundreth poundis, hes alterit and reformit the samin in maner as followis, quhilk alteratioun the commissionaris presentlie conuenit, for thame selffis and remanent burrowis of this realme, conforme to ane act set doune at this present conuention, ratiefieis and apprevis ; and gif neid beis ordanis lettres and executorialis to be raisit and execut aganis the refussaris to pay the extentis to be set conforme thairto, and that for the spaice of thrie yeiris.

Followis the Generall Extent Roll of ane hundreth pundis presentlie alterit in maner efter speciefieit.

Edinburcht with Kingorne and Innerkething xxix li. xv. s. quhair of Kingorne fourtene schillingis and Innerkething sax schillings

Streviling	xl s.	Abirdene	vij li. vj s. viij d.
Linlithquo	xviij s.	Dondie	x li. xv s.
Rothsay	vij s.	Pearth	vj li. xij s. iij d.
Dumbartane	xviij s.	Bamfe	x s.
Renfrew	xviij s.	Dumfermling	xvj s.
Rutherglene	v s.	Craille	xvj s.
Aire	xl s.	Forfar	ix s.
Irrowing	xxvj s. viij d.	Breichane	xxviij s.
Glasquow	ij li. x s.	Montross	xxxj s.
Kirkcudbrecht	xx s.	Elgyne	xxv s.
Wigtoune	xx s.	Innernes	xxxij s.
Quhithorne	x s.	Aberbrothok	xviij s.
Lanerk	xviij s.	Sanctandros	ij li. iij s. viij d.
Jedburght	xxiiij s.	Cowper	xxxij s.
Selkirk	xij s.	Cullane	v s.
Peblis	xvj s.	Forres	vj s. viij d.
Hadington	xl s.	Nairn	v s.
Northbervik	v s.	Thayne	xij s.
Dumbar	x s.	Dysart	xlvj s. viij d.
Lawder	vj s. viij d.	Kirkcaldie	xxxvj s.
Dunfreis	xxxv s.	Pettinweme	xx s.

Bruntiland	xvj s.	Anstruther be west the burne	x s.
Anstruther be east the burne	xxxvj s.	Culros	x s.

SUMMA of the hail Roll is j^e ij li. xix. s. iiij d.. and this tua pundis xix s. iiij d. for ingadering thair of.

Protestationis,
Perth, Hading-
ton, Kirkcal-
die, and An-
struther be
west the burn.

The same day, Patrik Blair, commissioner for Perth, protested that the presentt extentionis be nocht electit at the nixt alteration of the rollis, in respect the saidis burrowis extentionis hes, as he allegis, extraordinarily sett doun the said alteration forther nor the said burgh extendis vnto, and Hadington and Kirkcaldie inlykemaner, as alsua Androw Meluile for the tovene of Anstruther be west the burn. The personis nominatt to extenit, finding thame iniuritt be the protestationis maid be the commissioneris of sic burrowis as hes protestit aganis thair extening, seing they war appointit to pas vpoun the said extenit be the hail commissioneris presentlie assemblit, protestis for penaltie to be inionit aganis the saidis protestaris incontrar of the roll, desyring interlocutor and censment of the hail commissioneris hervpoun; and thairefter the saidis protestaris and hail extentionis being removitt, and the remanentt commissioneris being rypelie aduysitt with the saidis protestationis, findis thame to have done wrang in vsing thair of, and ordanis thame and ilk ane of thame publictly to pas fra the saidis protestationis, and grant thair said wrang commitit be thame to the saidis extentionis. In respect quhair of, statutes and ordanis quhasoeuer dois the lyke in tyme cuming sall incur the vnlaw of xx li. to be vplifted of thame butt fauouris.

Statute exten-
ing.

Assignment
vnlaw of xx li.
to Guthrie
clark of Mon-
trois.

The same day, assignis to Iames Guthrie, clark of Montrois, ane vnlaw of twenty pundis for his paynistane in wryting the missives direct to the presentt commissioneris conuenand and remanentt absentt, and of sic particular burgh as is presentlie amerciatt his option and plesour.

Auditouris
Kingzowis
comptis.

The same day, hes nominatt and electit twa of the baillies of Edinburgh to be auditouris of Thomas Kingzowis comptes, and Androw Mekill to be wairnit to conuene thairto anentis the bygane impoist rasit be him, and gif the saidis baillies acceptis nocht the hering thair of, betuix and the tent of Iulij, the said Thomas Kingzow voluntarily heirby obleissis him to sute na suspension of the lettres of horning obtenit aganis him, etc.

The same day, etc., the commissioneris presentlie conuenit desoluis this <sup>Desoluing presentt conuen-
tion.</sup> thair conuention, and appointis thair nixt general assembleie to be haldin at the burgh of Kirkcaldie vpon the tuelt of Iunij nixt in the zeir of God j^m v^c. four scoir tuelff yeris, and ordanis the commissioner of the said burgh to aduerteis the magistratis thair of mak lawfull wairning to euey ane of the frie burrows and sea portis of this realme to send thair commissioneris fullie instructed to treitt, reson, and conclude vpon sic thingis as salbe proponit thairatt, vnder the payne and vnlaw of twenty li.

James Nicolle	Mr Alex ^r . Kellie
Eduard Galbraith	Ihone Wilsoun.
Patrik Blair	Ihone Hacket
Alexander Rutherford	Daniell Hair
Mr. Daud Russell	Iames Hackat
Andro Ker for Linlythqu	William Duncan commissioner for Dundie
Alex ^r . Mowat	Walter Cowane.
Williame Scott	Alex ^r . Currou for Banff
Thomas Hendirson	Alex ^r . Annand
Iohne Alex ^r . submit him vnder yok of oppressioun	Robert Lychtoun
William Cwnninghem	Ihone Orrok.
Robert Livingstoun	Robert Adam, I. GUTHRE
Iames Peterson	Ihone Bowsy.
G. Durie for Innerkething	Daud Dempster.
Herbert Ranying for Drum- freis	Thomas Cowper.

Apud Montros die vigesimo primo Iunij 1591.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissionaris foirsaidis efter lang ressoning wpon <sup>Burrowis,
Alexander,
commissioner
for Anstruther.</sup> the horiable and schamfull offence committit be Iohne Alexander, commissioner for Anstruther be eist the burne, in subseryweing of this general buik and actis presentlie concludit thairat in maner following, to wit, Iohne Alexander submittis him wnder the yok of oppressioun, nochtwithstanding that the said Iohne Alexander, being admittit commissioner

for the said burght of Anstruther, and beand hard to declair the estait thairof, afoir the alteratioun maid presentlie of the general tax roll, to the commissionaris suorne and admittit thairvpon, and that thei lykwayis tuik tryell be the commissionaris of the burght nixt adiacent to the said burght of Anstruther, and movit be the said Iohneis declaratioun of thair estait, as also be the tryall tane be thame, deminischit thair extent iiij s. of the hundreth pundis. And the said Iohne, being accusit heirvpoun in presence of the saidis haill commissionaris, confessit the saidis subscrip-tioun, and allegit that he was movit thairto be reasone of alteratioun of the extent roll, nochtwithstanding the said extentouris deminischit the said burght as said is : Heirfoir, in respect thairof, hes adiugit and ordanit the said Iohne to deleit his saidis subscrip-tioun with his awin hand, and to be wairdit within the tolbutth of this burght of Montros, thairin to re-mane wpon his awin expensis ay and quhill he pay to the generall agent the sowme of xx li, as for his wnlaw incurrit be him for the offence foir-said ; and forder, never to be ressaut nor presentit as commissioner heir-efter, and ordanis intimatioun thairof to be contenit in the missiwes to be direct to the nixt generall conventioun, makand intimatioun to the said burght of Anstruther, that incaice he be sent as commissionar for thame, thei sall incur the lyk paine of xx li. to be wpliftit of thame but fauouris, besyd the wnlaw of thair absence. And the saidis commission-aris assignit the saidis wnlaw, thairof twenty merkis to be giffin to the puir of the hospitall of the saidis burght of Montros, and ten merkis thairof to the officiaris of the saidis burght.

Iamis Nicolle.
William Duncan.
Alex^r. Rutherford.
Mr. David Russell.
Alex^r. Currou.
Robert Lychtoun.
Alex^r. Mowat.
Ihone Wilsoun.
Iames Peterson.

Herbert Ranyng.
Dauid Dempster.
Andro Ker.
Ihone Hacket.
Iames Hacket.
Williame Scott.
Williame Cwnninghem.
Alexr. Annand.

*In the General Assemblie or Conventioun of Burrowis, ^{Kirkcaldie.}
haldin and begun at the burgh of Kirkcaldie vpoun the
tueltt day of Iunij, the zeir of God I^m V^c four scoir
tuelff zeiris, Comperitt the Commissioneris thair of efter
following, and presented thair commissionis in maner
as followis :*

Edinburgh, Ihonn Robertsoun, Edward Galbraith ; Kingorn, Capitane
Dauid Boiswell ; Innerkething, George Durie ; Striveling, Walter Cowane ;
Linlithquow, Androw Kar ; Dumbartan, Robertt Watsoun ; Renfrow,
Ihonn Houstoun ; Air, George Cocheran ; Irrowyne, Williame Scott ;
Glasqu, Robertt Adam ; Kirkcudbright, be ane missive presented be
Harbert Ranyng ; Wigtoun, Robert Dalzell ; Laneark, Williame Wilkene ;
Jedburgh, Thomas Henrisoun ; Selkirk, Iames Scott ; Peiblis, Patrik Dik-
soun ; Hadingtoun, Ihonn Wilsoun ; Northbervik, be ane missive pre-
sented be the said Ihonn Wilsoun ; Dumbar, be ane missive presented
lykwayis be the said Ihonn ; Lawder, Ihonn Smith ; Dumfreis, Harbertt
Ranyng provest ; Abirdene, George Knowis, baillie ; Dondie, Williame
Duncan, baillie ; Perth, Patrik Blair, baillie ; Banff, ;
Dumfermeling, Dauid Broun ; Craill, Ihonn Douglas, Ihonn Makesoun ;
Forfar, George Suttie, Ihonn Traill ; Breichan, Williame Ramsay ; Mon-
trois, Maister Iames Wischartt ; Elgene, Alexander Annand ; Innernes,
Alexander Cuthbertt, Iames Cuthbertt ; Abirbrothok, be ane missive
presented be Williame Ramsay ; Sanctandros, Dauid Watsoun ;
Cowpar, Iames Andersoun ; Forres, Robertt Tulloche ; Nairn, be ane mis-
sive presented be Alexander Annand ; Thayne, Walter Ros ; Dysartt,
Patrik Sinclair, Iames Hacquett ; Kirkcaldie, Robert Hay, Michell Kirk-
caldie ; Pettinweme, Thomas Kingzow ; Bruntiland, Ihonn Orrok ; An-
struther be eist the burn, Thomas Watsoun ; Anstruther be west the
burn, Androw Meluille ; Kilrany, Robert Strang, baillie ; Culane, Iames
Lawtie.

The same day, Androw Young, clark of Kirkcaldie, producit his dili-
gence of the lawfull wairning of the haill burrowis of this realme, to haiff
sentt agane the day abouewrittin thair commissioneris fullie instructed to

Young, clark of
Kirkcaldie,
diligence of
wairning, etc.

this present conventioun, and vpoun the production thair of askitt instrumentis, etc.

Meluile's production of Anstruther Westeris erection.

The same day, Androw Meluile, commissioner for Anstruther be west the burn, conforme to the tennour of ane act maid at Montrois vpoun the tuentie ane day of Iunij 1591, producit the said burghis erection in ane frie burgh regall, and thairupoun askitt instrumentis, quhilk was immediatlie efter the sichtt thair of was gevin to Ihonn Makesoun commissioner for Craill, quha protested aganis the same, was gevin to the said Androw vp agane.

Hay, Moderator, houre appointed to convene.

The same day, Robertt Hay, as principall in the burgh of Kirkcaldies commissioun, is elected in moderator to this present conventioun, quha, be aduyce of the haill commissioneris presentlie convenit, appoyntis thair daylie conventioun befor and efter none to be at the ringing of the bell, and quha beis absent, efter the ringing thair of and calling of the roll, to incur ane vnlaw of sax s. viij d., as oft sa they failzie.

Sanctandros, Peiblis, vnlawit, ilkane in ten pundis.

The same day, findis the burrowis of Sanctandros and Peiblis, ilkane of thame, to haiff incurrit ane payne and vnlaw of ten pundis for thair nocht comperance to this presentt conventioun befor tuelff houris, conforme to the actis sett down at Montrois thairanentt; quhairvnto David Watson, commissioner for Sanctandros, and Patrik Dicksoun for Peiblis, dissassented, and presented thair commissionis, quhilkis was admitted but preiudice of thair vnlawis foirsaidis.

Burrowis vn-lawitt.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis findis the burrowis of Rothesay, Ruthurglen, Quhithorn, ilkane of thame, to haif incurrit the payne and vnlaw of twenty pundis for nocht sending of thair commissioneris to this present conventioun, being lawfully wairnit thairto, as was sufficientlie verefeitt be Androw Young, clark of Kirkcaldie, directar of the missives, and ordanis Iames Winrhame, agent, to collect and inbring the same, together with the twa half vnlawis abouewrittin, and gif neid beis to rais and execute lettres of horning vpoun the refussaris in forme as efferis, etc.

Enrolling of Anstruther be west the burn.

The same day, etc., the commissioneris foirsaidis, efter the reding of Anstruther be west the burnis erection be the Kingis Maiestie and Estaitis in frie burgh regall, for thair partis ratefeis and appreis the same, and ordanis thair generall clark to enroll the said burgh amangis the remanentt frie burrowis of this realme, lyke as they war presentlie enrollitt; quhairvpoun Androw Meluile, commissioner for the said burgh,

askitt instrumentis, butt preiudice alwayis of the burgh of Craillies richtis and privilegis quhilk they haif of the said burgh of Anstruther be west the burn ; to quhais enrolling Ihonn Makesoun, commissioner for the said burgh of Craill, disassented, and protested for remeid of law ; to quhome the saidis commissioneris reseruis actioun, *prout de jure* be ressoun of the said burgh of Craillis productioun of thair principall infeftmentt, sene and red, etc.

Apud Kirkcaldy die decimo tercio mensis, Iunij, 1592

THE QUHILK DAY, comperitt Robert Strang, baillie of Kilrany, and productit ane commissioun direct be the remanent baillies counsall and communitie thair of, seillit and subscriuit as the samyn proportis, and desyrit the said toвне of Kilrany, conforme to thair erection presentlie sene and exhibit, to be enrollit amangis the remanentt frie burrowis of this realme, quhairwith, and ratefeing thair of in parliamentt, efter the same was red and aduysit, findis thair desyre fairsaid resonabill, quhairfoir they have enrollit and enrollis the samyn amangis thair nomber as is requyrit ; quhairvnto Ihonn Makesoun, commissioner for the burgh of Craill, disassented, and protested that the said toвне of Kilranyis enrolling amangis the nomber of frie burrowis suld nocht preiuge the said burgh of Craill in thair privilegis, conforme to ane chartour, sene and productit, and agane resautit be the said commissioner of Craill, to quhome they reserue actioun aganis the said burgh of Kilrany *prout de jure*.

Enrolling of
Kilrany.

The same day, the commissioneris fairsaidis, efter lang resonyng vpoun that heid of the missive, ordanyng ilk burgh of this realme to send thair commissioneris fullie instructed to repoirrt at this presentt conuentioun thair diligence in writt vpoun the executioun of ane act, maid att Sanct-androis, aganis chepmen and vtheris resorting to frie burrowis, vnder the paynis contenit in the said actt, with sic wairis as ar gretumlie preiudiciall to thair liberties and privilegis, granted be his Maiesties maist nobill progenitouris to thame of auld, and efter dew inquisitioun maid of the richt vse and abuse thair of, hes found the maist pairtt of the haill burrowis of this realme to be gretumlie preiugitt and hurtt be the saidis chepmen, foirstalleris, regratouris, and vtheris vnfriemen, makand and havand thair residence outwith frie burrowis, vsurpand the lawfull tred

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of friemen be bying of hydys, selling and topping of staipill wairis, and all soirtis thair of generallie, and keping of oppin buithis in landward tovnis, villagis, and burghis of barrony, sailland lykewayis furth of the cuntrie with staipill gudes, sua that the estaitt of burrowis is becum greitlie to decay, and the said tred of merchandise in dyueris frie burrowis of this realme almaist left of for laik of change, be the occasionis foirsaidis, and be proces of tyme apperandlie vndone, be the attemptatis foirsaidis, except oportune remeid be the mair haistlier provydit thairto ; for remeid quhair of, the haill commissioneris presentlie convenitt all in ane voce hes concludit statute and ordanitt, thatt the provest and baillies of all the burrowis of this realme, and vtheris the inhabitantis hurtt and preiugit heirby, sall geve in the names of the personis vsurpand the liberties within thair boundis to Iames Winrhame thair generall agent, betuix and the fyftene day of August nixt, to the effect lettres of horning may be raisit and execute at the instance of oure Souerane Lordis Aduocatt, and the said Iames Winrhame in thair names, and in name of the haill burrowis of this realme, to quhome they geve full power and commissioun to that effect, aganis all and sindrie the saidis chepmen, vtheris vnfriemen, saillaris in speciall, and vnfrie personis quhatsumever in generall, the tred and traffecque properlie and alanerlie to be vsitt be friemen induelaris in frie burrowis and berand the commoun chairges thair of, in sic straitt forme for restranyng of thame thairfra, in all tymes cumming, as efferis or may be done be law ; and to the effect the samyn may be with the gretar diligence done and followit out, insafar as the premissis concernis the haill estaitt of burrowis of this realme, thatt thair be ane generall extentt of twa hundreth pundis maid and sett down vpoun the haill burrowis, conforme to the last extentt roll maid at Montrois in the moneth of Iunij 1591, for making of expenssis vpoun the persute foirsaid be the said Iames Winrhame, agent, be the aduyce of the magistratis of the burgh of Edinburgh, and the samyn to be ingatherit betuix and the fyvetene day of August nixt, and ilk commissioner presentt to send agane the said day thair pairttis of the said extentt, together with thair complayntis, and the names of sic personis as ar to be complenit mentionat thairintill ; and forther that ilk burgh be aduerteist be missives to send thair commissioneris vpoun the said act maid at Montrois anentis chepmen to execution, vnder the paynis thairin contenit, and thatt at the nixt generall assemblee of burrowis, quhairever the samyn salbe appointed to be haldin,

and the said agentt than lykewayis to repointt his diligence of his persute of the saidis vnfriemen.

The same day, efter lang resonyng vpoun that heid of the missive concerning ane act of ilk burgh rowping of thair common gude, and putting of the same landis and vther rentis thair of to the maist avail, and vpoun the dew executioun of the command att ilk generall conuentioun to send thair commissioneris to repointt thair diligence in writt, and fynding the contentis thair of be ane very few number satefeitt be writt, as alsua thatt the samyn be dyueris burrowis is sett outt to gentilmen, remaning out-with burgh, expres contrair the tennour of the actis sett down thairanentt, thairfoir, as of befoir, they ratefie and appreve the saidis actis in all pointis, ordanyng heirefter thatt nocht onlie the saidis actis be the magistratis of ilk burgh resaue dew executioun, bot alsua thatt they anis in the zeir perambulat and ryde thair merches, vnder the payne of twenty li. to be vptane of ilk ane of the saidis magistratis sa oft as they failzie, and thatt they at ilk generall conuentioun and assembleie of burrowis repointt thair diligence, nocht onlie in rowping of thair said commoun gude, bott alsua in perambuling of thair saidis merches, anis in the zeir as said is.

The same day, anent the complaynt gevin in be Iames Andersoun, commissioner for the burgh of Cowper, aganis the burghis of Anstrutheris eist and west, and Pettinweme, for troubling and poinding of the inhabitants of the said burgh of Cowpar for payment to thame of certain small customes, the samyn being ane frie burgh, as at lenth is contenitt in the supplicatioun gevin in thairanentt, continewis all forther proceeding heirintill vnto thair next generall assembleie of burrowis, quhairever it salhappin the samyn to be haldin, quhen as they ordane aither of the saidis burrowis contendantt to send thair commissioneris fullie instructed with aither of thair richtis to resaue finall decisioun heirop, ordanyng in the menetye thatt nane of the saidis burrowis vplift ony dewtie of vtheris, vnder the payne of ten li. to be taikin of the party contravenar, bot that onlie ane inuentor be maid of the samyn be their customeris of the quantitie thair of, and they to find caution thatt incais the richtt and privilege of the said burgh of Cowper be found mair valide nor the saidis burrowis of Anstrutheris Eister and Wester and Pettinweme is, to refund and pay the saidis customes conforme to the said inuentar to the party being found at the said nixt generall conuentioun to haif maist richtt

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thairto. And to the effect that than ane generall ordour be sett down for vptaking of pittiecustoms throuhoutt the hail burrowis of this realme, ordanis the commissioneris of the burgh of Edinburgh, att thair hamecuming thairto, to aduerteis the magistratis thairto to send, with thair commissioneris to be sentt to the said nixt generall convention, thair roll of the saidis pittiecustoms, as they tender the weillfair and quyetnes of the estaitt of burrowis, but preiudice alwayis of vplifting be the saidis burrowis *hinc inde* of vtheris of the saidis customs in tyme of faires and oppin merkatis. And Androw Meluile, commissioner for Anstruther be west the burn, and Thomas Watsoun, commissioner for Anstruther be eist the burn, protested thatt quhatsumever thing was done and concludit on in this presentt act, to the hurtt and preiudice of thair richtis and privilegis, suld nawayis dirogatt the samyn, as thair protestatioun gevin in to Ihonn Guthrie, generall clerk, in writt, mair fullie proportis; and the tennour of this presentt act to be rememberitt in missives.

Agent, Ros
commissioner
for Thayne

The same day, Walter Ros being sentt in commissioun for the burgh of Thayne, and the samyn, in respect the said tovne was at the horn for nocht paymentt of twa vnlawis to the generall agentt, repellit, vnto sic tyme as he fand sufficient cautoun to pay to him the samyn, repointit David Claipan induellar in Leithis obligatioun, quhilk the burrowis admitted, provyding that incais the ane of the saidis vnlawis extending to tuenty pundis war nocht payitt betuix and Michaelmes nixt to the said agentt, thatt efter the expyryng thairto of the said David suld be haldin to pay the hail, and this obligatioun delyueritt to the said agentt, quhome they ordane, at the ressait of the said sovme, to delyuer to the said David or Walter his acquittance heirvpoun; and efter the geving of the said obligatioun, the said Walteris commissioun resauitt, etc.

Statute thatt
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tabill magistat
within burgh

The same day, it is statute and ordanitt thatt at all tymes heirefter na magistratis within the burrowis be ressauitt in heretabill richtt to ony the offices within the same, contrair the tennour of owre Souerane Lordis actis of parliamentt, and liberties of frie burrowis, seing the same is very preiudiciall and hurtfull to the saidis actis of parliament and liberties foirsaidis, bot thatt they be zeirlie electit thairto.

Innerkething,
Culros.

The same day, comperitt George Bruce in Culros, and producit ane erectioun gevin be the Kingis Maiestie and Estaitis for erecting of the

said toвне in ane frie burgh regall, and conforme thairto desyritt the same to be enrollit amangis the frie burrowis of this realme; quhairvnto itt was obietitt be George Dury, commissioner for the burgh of Innerkething, thatt the same culd nochtt be granted, insafar as the samyn tenditt greitlie to the hurtt and preiudice of the said burgh of Innerkething; and efter lang resonyng heirvpoun, decernis and ordanis thame of their awin [consent] to compeir in the burgh of Edinburgh, the nyntene day of Iuly nixt, bringand with them aither of thair richtis and tittillis, to be sene and consideritt be the provest baillies and counsall of the said burgh of Edinburgh, and to abyde thair sentence and determinatioun, to quhome the saidis burrowis, presentlie convenitt, gevis thair full power and commissioun to decyde heirintill, *promittendo de rato*; lykeas, the saidis pairties promittit to hald ferme and staiblil, etc., quhome they ordane to aduerteis the saidis provest and baillies of Edinburgh twa dayis befor the saidis nyntene day of Iuly nixt.

The same day, anentt thatt heid of the missive wairning the burgh of Bruntiland to send thair commissioneris fullie instructed to ansuer to the complaintis gevin in aganis thame be the burrowis of Kirkcaldie, Dysart, and Kingorn, for vplifting be the said burgh, frome sindrie the inhabitantis of the saidis burrowis, of the ankeragis, and schoir syluer, quhairvnto they have na richtt, as was allegitt, as at lenth is contenit in the saidis burrowis complaintis gevin in thairvpoun: Comperitt Ihonn Vrrrok, commissioner for the said burgh of Bruntiland, on the ane pairtt, Michaell Kirkcaldie, commissioner for the said burgh of Kirkcaldie, Patrik Sinclair, commissioner for the said burgh of Dysart, and Capitane David Boiswell, commissioner for the said burgh of Kingorne, on the vther pairtt, and taikand the burding on thame for their burrowis respectiue foirsaidis, frielie submitted them to the decisioun of the saidis hail burrowis, promesand to hald ferme and staibill all and quhatsumever thing suld be concludit heiranentt; and the saidis pairties being removitt, efter rype aduysementt, and dew consideratioun had of aither of the saidis pairties richtis and complayntis, all in ane voce, but discrepance or diuisioun, decernis and ordanis the said burgh of Bruntiland, in all tyme heirefter fra Andersmes nixttocum, to vptak and vplift of euery schip within thre scoir tunnis, arryving to thair poirtt and hawin, sax schillingis aucht pennies, and of euery schip of three score tunnis and aboue, ten shil-

Bruntiland,
Kirkcaldie,
Dysart,
Kingorne

lingis, and of euery schip and crair of tuentie tunnis, fourty penneis, and of small boittis and veschellis withoutt top mastis, twenty penneis, and of euery schip of ane hundreth tunnis and aboue, threttene-schillingis four penneis. And forther the saidis burrowis, having consideratioun of ane certain supplicatioun presentit be the said Iohnn Vrok, commissioner for the said burgh of Bruntiland, to thame, craving thair supportt to the bigging of thair kirk, and vphalding of thair schoir, grantis full libertie and licence to the said burgh of Bruntiland to impetratt of the Kingis Maiestie and Lordis of Secretit Counsell, ane gift for vplifting of all schippis arrayving to thair pointt and hawin foirsaid, loissitt within the same with tymmer, for the space of sevin zeris nixt heirefter, off euerie hundreth ane to be applyitt to thair awin particular vse and commoditie, in maner as is aboue rehersitt; provyding alwayis thatt at the ische and outrunnyng of the saidis sevin zeris, they be comptabill to the burrowis vpoun the distributioun thair of; and the saidis commissioneris of Bruntiland, except this act be generall, disassented and protested, etc.

Impoist: Anstruther Eister
contrair Anstruther Wester.

The same day, anentt the complaynt gevin in be Androw Meluile, commissioner for Anstruther Wester, aganis Thomas Watsoun, commissioner for Anstruther Eister, anentt the vplifting of ane impoist of the inhabitantis of the said burgh of Anstruther Wester, and vtheris resortand to thair harberie, ordanis the said Thomas Watsoun to produce, att the nixt generall assemblee of burrowis, his said burghis richtt and tittill, quhairfoir they vplift the said impoist, vnder the payne of twenty pundis.

Apud Kirkcaldie decimo quarto Iunij 1592.

Dumbartanis
vnlaw remittit.

THE QUHILK DAY, the commissioneris foirsaidis remittis the burgh of Dumbartan of ane vnlaw of tuentie pundis, incurrit be thame for thair absence frome the conuention haldin at Montrois in Iunij 1591, provyding the samyn be employitt vpon the reparrelling thair ruynous tovene, and be comptabill of the wairing thair of thairon, at the nixt generall assemblee of burrowis.

Act that the
Conseruator
mak compte of
excyse beir and
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The same day, efter lang resonyng vpoun the contentis of ane missiue sent to the hail commissioneris of burrowis, be the factouris of Campheir, concerning the excyse of beir and wyne, and maner of distributioun thair of,

all in ane voce findis, thatt the act maid and sett doun at Edinburgh in anno 1590 thairanent, in the haill contentis thair of, salhave full effect, and ordanis the magistratis of the burgh of Edinburgh, in thair names, to send ane missiue to the Conseruatour, with the copy of the act fairsaid, and of this presentt act, to cum hame to the said burgh of Edinburgh, to mak compt, rekning, and payment of his bygane intromissioun with the said excyse of beir and wyne, betuix and the first day of September nixttocum, with certificatioun, and he failzie, he salbe be dischairgitt of ony forther intromissioun thairwith; and siclyk, that he be chargitt, at the same selff day to compeir and geve in his diligence of the maner of the distributioun of the ten lastis beir, and twa tunnis and ane halff wyne. Efter the expiring of the quhilk first day of September, incais of the said Conseruatouris nocht compeirance, ordanis the burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondie, Striveling, Glasqu, and Sanctandrois, at the twenty day of the said moneth of September nixt, to convein at the said toun of Edinburgh, for setting doun of ane finall ordour vpon the haill excys of beir and wyne, and the said burgh of Edinburgh makand dew adwertisement to the burrowis fairsaidis to send thair commissionaris instructit to convein thairat, to the effect aboue expremitt; and quhatsumewir thing it sall hapin the saidis commissionaris, than to convene, to determein heirin, the haill commissionaris presentlie convenit promittit to hauld ferme and stable, etc.

The sam day, anent that haid of the missive beiring the burch of Dondie to send thair commissionaris fullie instructit to ansuer to the complement of the burch of Forfair, for the vplifting of the ladill full of victuall of ewirrie saik thair of brocht in to be sauld in the said burch of Dondie, contrar to the tennour of the mutuall indenter maid betuix thame and the said burch of Forfair, as is allegit; efter the maner of the summar decisioun of the said debatable questioun was sufficientlie ressonit, baithe the saidis parteis, viz., William Duncan, commissioner for the burch of Dondie, and George Suttie and Ihone Traill, commissionaris for the said burch of Forfair, compromittit the said mater, in the burch of Montrois and Couper of Fyff, for the said Dundies pairt, and the burchis Perth and Breichane, for the pairt of the said burch of Forfair, and incais of discripance or diwisioun, the prowest of the burch of Edinburgh, presentthane for the tyme to be oursman for the tyme, at quhais determinatioun

Compromitt,
Dondie and
Forfair.

the saidis pairteis contendand ar suorne, but reuocatioun, to abyd ; and the commissionaris present of the said four burrowis acceptit in and vpon thame the decisioun thairrof, and appointis to convein at the said burch of Dondie vpon fyftein dayis warning, to be maid be the said commissionaris of Forfair to the commissioner of the said burch of Dondie, to the effect ather of the saidis pairteis may adverteis thair arbitouris to convein at sic day as they sall aggrie on. And in the mentyme, suspendis the said burch of Dondie fra all vptaking of the said dewtie of the ladill, or vsing of ony nouatioun of customes vpon the said burch of Forfair, and the said burch setting down cawtioun to the said burch of Dondie, that gif it be fund be the saidis arbitouris and oursman that the said dewtie of the said ladill full of victuall sould be vpliftit, for payment thereof to the said burch of Dondie, at sic tyme as sall be appointit be the arbitouris and oursman forsaidis, and to decerne heirin betuix and the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis, with power, gif neid beis, to prorogat. And the saidis pairteis *hinc inde* ressaut vp thair indentouris and peicis producit in proces.

Dumbartanis
vnlaw remittit.
Agentis com-
ptis.

The sam day, remittis to the burch of Dunbartane thair vnlaw of xx libris, incurit be thame for nocht compeirance to the generall conventioun hauldin at Montrois 1591, the commissioner of the said burch payand to the generall agent sic expenssis as he debursit vpon the resing and executioun of lettres of horning aganis the said burch. Quhilk agent producit his compt of his intromissioun and debursingis sen the tyme of his electioun to the dait heirop, quhilk being sein and considderit, the saidis burrowis ratefeit and apprewit the samin in all punctis.

Apud Kirkcaldie decimo quinto Iunij 1592.

Craill, Anstru-
ther be west
the burn.

THE QUHILK DAY, Ihone Makesone, commissioner for the burch of Craill, gaif in ane suplicatioun aganis Andro Meluill, commissioner for Anstruther be west the burne, desyring the said burch to be dischargit of haulding of ane pretendit merkit, in preiudice of the said burch of Craillis richtis presentlie schawin and producit ; Qubairvnto it was ansuerit be the said Andro Meluill, that in respect of the dependence of the said mater befor the Lordis of oure Souerane Lordis Counsall, the samin could nocht be

decydit be the commissionaris presentlie convenit, quha remittis the sam to the iudgis foirsaid.

The sam day, ordanis ane suplication to be giffin in in their names befor the Lordis of Chaker, be adwys of the burch of Edinburgh, for ordour taking with the extortioun vsit be the clerkis of coquitis, in taking of sic dewtie as they plais, as also in hendering and deleying of the merchandis of thair veagis, throu thair slouthe and wilfulnes, and ordanitt to be rememberitt in the missives to be direct be Edinburgh to the saidis burrowis appointit to tak ordour with the excyse of beir and wyne.

Complent to
giffin in anent
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The sam day, anent the complent giffin in be Thomas Keinzow, commissioner of Pittinwem, aganis Alexander Cudbert, prowest and commissioner for the burch of Inwernes, for vplifting of ane excys boll of salt of the burgessis of the said frie burch of Pittinweim, to the greit preiudice of the liberteis thairof: Continewis all forder ressoning thairin, and taking ordour thairwith, quhill the nixt generall assemblee of burrowis, quhairwir it sall hapin the samin to be hauldin, but preiudice alwayis of the vptaking of the sam dewtie, in the mentyme, and ordanis ather of thame to send thair commissionaris fullie instructit for production of thair richtis at the said nixt conventioun, vnder the pane of the vnlaw of xx libris; as also, that the said burch of Inwernes sall send to the said nixt conventioun thair commissioner fullie instructit to ansuer to the complent to be giffin in be the burch of Craill, and this to be rememberit in missiues.

Pittinwem,
Inwernes, to be
contentit in
missiues

That sam day, ordanis the burch of Abirdein to send thair commissioner fullie instructit to the nixt conventioun to ansuer to the complent of Inwernes, Elgane, Forres, Pittimweim, Anstrutheris Ester and Wester, and Craill vnder the pane of xx libris, and this to be rememberit in missiues, and siclyke aganis (and) Abirdene for ane excyse boll of saltt.

Complentis
contra Aber-
dein to be re-
mimberit in
missiues.

The sam day, findis that the burch of Inwernes sall pay to the agent the sowme of xx libris vnlaw, awand be thame, with ten pundis and expensis of the lettres and chargis, prowying, incais they pay xx libris betuix and the first day of September, vtherwayis to pay the hail; and as to thair exemptioun, the samin can nocht be grantit, becaus they ar ordanit to compeir the nixt conventioun to ansuer to sic complentis as sall be speciall in missiwis; and this vnlaw to be gevin to Androw Young, clark, directar of the missiues.

Vnlaw, Inuer-
nes gevin to
Young, clark,
Kirkcaldie.

Complentis
aganis Kirk-
cowbrik to be
rememberit in
the missiwiis.

The same day, anent the complent giffin in be the commissionaris of Air, Glasquow, Vrwing, and Dunbartane, aganis the burch of Kirkcowbrik, for vplifting ane extortioune of thame, being frimen, in taking four bollis greit, salt, land missure, of ilk schip and bark that arrivis within thair harbrie, ordanis the said complenaris, togidder with the said burch of Kirkcowbrik, to compeir to ansuer heirto the nixt conventioun, and to that effect, to caus warne the burch of Kirkcowbrik to compeir vnder the pane of xx libris, and this to be rememberit in missiwiis.

Answer to the
Kingis wret-
ting.

The sam day, compeirit Ihone Chisholme, and presentit our Souerane Lordis missiwe, desyring him to be imployit and send to Ingland for seiking redres of ane particular man and his deputtis had and obtenit of the Quein of Ingland ane gift for bying of all salt cuming out of Scotland to the pairtis of Ingland, the commissionaris declaris they com nocht instructit to that effect, and thairfor can nocht gif ansuer.

Exemptiounis
of burrowis.

That sam day, the burrowis exemis the burrowis of Vrwing, Forres, Wigtoun, Brinteland, outwith the boundis of Fife and Louthiane, Pibillis, Cullane, frome all keiping of conventionis for the space of thre zeiris nixt heirefter, prowying they send thair saidis exemptiounis, and missiwiis apprewing all thingis to be concludit thairat, with the burch vrist undispennt with, as also that gif the burrowis haif necessarlie to do and aduerteiss thame to compeir sall be haldin to compeir, nochtwithstanding thir exemptionis.

Mariorie Row-
ane, the toun of
Cullan.

The sam day, compeirit Patrik Sinclar, burges of Dysert, and becom obleist to content and pay to Mariorie Rowane, relict of vmquhill William Makartnay, the soun of xx libris, in pairt of payment of ane mair soun awand to hir be the burrowis, as for the vnlaw of the burch of Cullane, to be payit betuix and Michelmes, to quhas payment she acceptit and dischargit the burrowis thairfor, as also the said burrowis dischargis the said burch of Cullane of all vnlawis bygane.

Vnlawis, Banf,
Sanctandrous,
and Pebillis re-
mittit.

The sam day, remittis the vnlaw of Banff of the vnlaw of xx libris, becaus of thair obedience; and siclyk the burchis of Sanctandrous and Pebillis of ten pundis, ilk ane of thame, but preiudice of wptaking of all vtheris contrawinand heirefter of the lyk vnlawis.

Impost, Sanct-
androus.

The sam day, anent the supplicatioun giffin be Dauid Watsone, commissioner for the burch of Sanctandrous, desyring suport to thair brig appeirandlie to decay, and thairfor that licence may be cawit of his

Maiestie of ane certane impost for vphauld of the samyn, the commissionaris of burrowis foirsaid volunterlie grantis the samyn, viz., to the vptaking of ij d. for ilk laid, ij d. of ilk beist sic as hors, etc., ilk kow and ox ane penny, ilk fit passinger fyve pennyis, etc., prowying the said gift to be obtenit of his Maiestie be presentit be the commissioner of the said burch of Sanctandrous to the nixt generall conventioun, quhairer it sall hapin to be hauldin, and na mair to be contenit thairin nor the dewteis foirsaid.

The sam day, anent the complent giffin be the commissioner of Lenerk, aganis the burch of Glesquo vplifting of the nichtbouris thair of ane ladill full of ilk laid of victuall, and ane neif full of ewirrie wecht of voll or ane fleische of the pak, ordanis the commissionaris of the said burch of Glesquo to send thair commissioner fullie instructit to ansuer to the said complent at the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis, and the samyn to be remimberit in missiwis.

Lenarkis complent contrar Glesquo to be remimberit in missiwis.

The sam day, grantis licence to the commissioner of the burch of Forres to depairt frome this present conventioun, prowying that at the ourcuming of the generall clerk he subscriue the generall buk, vnder the pane of doubling of ane vnlaw of xx libris, quhairvnto he volunterlie consentit.

Licence, Forres to desolue.

The sam day, ordanis the commissionaris of the burrowis of Sanctandrous, Perth, Brinteland, Anstruther be est the burne, and sa mony vther burrowis as ar restand ony money to Henry Chertaris, generall collectour of the Kingis wyne siluer, for the zeir of God 1588 zeiris, to mak thankfull payment of the samyn betuix and the tent day of Iulij nixt tocum, and that ane missive be direct in name of the haill burrowis to George Adamsons and Stewin Mertein, requiring thame to mak gud the sowme of fiftie tua libris of the said wyne siluer delyuerit be thame to Ihone Broun, messenger, in the said Henryis name, and that the samin be maid in currant mone of this realme, and to ressaue sic vnlawfull gold and siluer agane as they delyuerit to the said Ihone Broun; and the said Henry is content to tak William Symsones tuentie aucht pundis, ressauit be him in the lyk sort of mone, in his awin hand. And quhilk of the saidis burrowis or persones foirsaidis failleis to mak dew and thankfull payment, at the day foirsaid, to the said Henry, of the sowmes quhairin they ar addettit, to incure the sowme of ten pundis, ilkane of thame, as for

Chartouris collectour, Sanctandrous, Perth, Brinteland, etc.

expenssis liquidat to be sustenit in compelling of thame heirto. And forder ordanis the generall clerk to wrett ane missiwe in the haill burrowis names, requesting the Lyoun Harrald to do iustice to the said Henry aganis sic messingeris as hes nocht execut the lettres purchest aganis certane burrowis quha hes nocht payit thair pairtis of the wyne siluer foirsaid.

Huchoun, bur-
rowis.

The sam day, compeirit Daud Huchoun, skiper in the burch of Kirkcaldie, and, vpon certane consideratiouns and motiwis mowing him, faythfullie promittit to the commissionaris presentlie convenit nocht to follow furth nor insist in the letter of mark and his Maisties letter direct to the burrowis thairanent vnto his nixt hamecuming frome the pairtis of Ingland, quhairto he is presentlie, God willing, boun.

Grant of
Dysertis im-
post.

The same day, grantis to the burch of Dysert thair consent to the obtaining of ane new gift of his Maistie for the space of thrie zeiris nixt, efter the expyryng of thair last gift, of ane impost of befor vpliftit be thame to the reparatioun of thair decayit herbrie, and findis thai haif sufficientlie bestowit the said vmpost in tymes bygane vpon the repairing of thair said herbrie, as said is.

Apud Kirkcaldie die decimo septimo Iunij 1592.

Ratifeing of ane
act maid at
Edinburgh to
Windrem,
Agent.
Clerk of Regis-
ter, Scott,
Scharpe.

The quhilk day, the commissionaris foirsaidis ratifeis and appriwis ane act maid and set down be the commissionaris of the burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Air, Vrwing, Iedburch, Culrois, and Kirkcaldie, at the said burch of Edinburgh, of the saxt of Iunij instant, quha efter lang ressoning vpon ane recompance to be giffin to the Clerk of Register, and Maister William Scot wretter, for the ample forming of the actis of parliament presentlie concludit vpon consarning the weilfair of the estait of burrowis, quha fand the sowme of ane hundrethe pundis to be giffin to the said Clerk of Register, and ten crounis of the sone to the said Maister William Scot, and ordanit Ihone Gourlay, customar of the burch of Edinburgh, collectour to the saidis burrowis for the tyme, to delyuir to Iames Drummond, commissioner for the burch of Perth, the sowme of aucht scoir ten pundis as for the pryce of tua tuns of wyne awand to the said burch ; lykas they than ordanit Iames Windrem, agent, to ressaue the said

sowme of aucht scoir ten pundis fra the said Iames Drummond, he delyuerand to him ane acquittance thairof in name of Olepher Car, customar of Perth, according to the said Olepheris rest of his last thrie zeiris comptis of the said burch of Perthis customes, and to be allowit in the rest thairof; and the commissionaris than present, for thameselwis and remanent burrowis of this realme, lykas the haill commissionaris presentlie convenit, oblissis thame to warrand the said Ihone Gourlay of the sowme aboue expremitt, at the handis of quhatsumewir persone haifand entres thereto; and the said Iames Windrem, efter the ressait thairof, was ordanit to be delyuerit to the said Clerk of Register the foirsaid sowme of ane hundrethe pundis, togidder with the said ten crounis of the sone to the said Maister William Scot, and tua rois noblis and ane croun of the sone to Maister Ihone Scharp, for his paynis tane in forming of the burrowis articklis presentit to the last parliament, hauldin at Edinburgh in the monethe of Iunij foirsaid; quhilk sowmes was instantlie delyuerit be the said Iames to the persones foirsaidis, quhilkis they than allowit to the said Iames, lyk as the commissionaris present allowis the samyn in his comptis.

The quhilk day, in presence of the saidis commissionaris of burrowis, comperit Maister Ihone Schein and Andro King, procuratouris for the communitie of the burch of Aberdein, and producit ane act of oure Souerane Lordis last parliament, maid with adwys of his Hienes thre Estaitis, be the quhilk hes Hienes and Estaitis foirsaid remmittis to the saidis commissionaris of burrowis ane suplicatioun of the said communitie, insert in the said act of parliament, and haill contentis thairof, anent the frie electioun of thair magistratis the nixt zeir, and that they may be electit in sic ciweill maner in tymes cuming as best aggrewis with the commoun and municipall law of this cuntrie, ordaning the saidis commissionaris at this thair conventioun to tak sic ordour thairwith as all forder occasioun of contrawersie betuix the communitie and vtheris of the said burch may be extinguit; and quhat ewir it sould hapin the saidis commissionaris to decyd thairintill, sa far as concernis the electioun of magistratis and counsall foirsaid, be the said act is ordanit to stand as ane law and act of parliament to the said burch of Aberdein in tyme to cum; as the said act, extractit out of the buik of act of parliament be Alexander Hay, Clerk of our Souerane Lordis Register, vnder his signe and subscriptioun, of the dait the fyft day of Iunij the zeir of God 1592 zeiris, at lenthe beiris;

Decreitt, communitie aganis etc.

Prowest, bailleis, and counsall and communitie of Aberdein.

and togidder thairwith producit ane patent letter direct fra his Hieness to the saidis commissionaris of burrowis to decyde thairintill, as they wald ansuer to his Hienes vpon thair obedience, befor thair desolving, and according thairto desyrit the saidis commissionaris to proceed and tak ordour anent the said electioun. And George Knowis, commissioner at the said conventioun for the said burch of Aberdein, compeirand for the counsall thairof, allegit the said contrawersie alreddie decydit be the Lordis of Sessioun, and, for instructioun of his allegiance, producit ane decreit of the said Lordis of the dait at Edinburgh the tuentie day of Maij the zeir of God 1592 zeiris, and als allegit that the prowest bailleis and counsall of Aberdein sould haif bein lawfullie sitat to haif ansuerit to the said commonitie, quhilk was nocht done, in respect quhairof the saidis commissionaris of burrowis could nocht proceed thairin; and the saidis procuratouris for the said communitie, in the contrar, in respect of the act of parliament fairsaid, set down sen the said pretendit decreit, and that Maister Thomas Malysone, commissioner for Aberdein, was present thairat, and thairthrow the saidis prowest bailleis and counsall could pretend na ignorance, and als in respect of his Maiesties letter fairsaid direct to thame to decyde thairintill, and in respect also of the comperance of the said George in name of the said counsall: Quhilk allegiance fairsaid, maid be the said George in name of the said counsall, being repellit, in respect of the act of parliament fairsaid, his Maiesties letter, and of the ansueris maid be the saidis procuratouris for the said communitie, and in respect also of the said Georgis comperance in name fairsaid; as also the saidis commissionaris vnderstanding the said questioun and contrawersie to haif bein at dyveris conventiouns mowit to thame be the saidis procuratouris for the said commonitie, and that, be delay of decisioun thairintill, intestein varience is liklie to fall out within the bowellis of the said burch of Aberdein, betuix the present magistratis thairof and counsall thairof, and the said communitie: In respect quhairof, the saidis commissionaris, all in ane voce, efter lang deliberatioun heirintill, with the actis of parliament, municipal and ceweill lawis and constitutiouns within this realme, and of the burrowis thairof, obseruit in the electioun of thair counsall and magistratis, and als being mowit be ane confusioun knawin to thame vsit in the said burch of Aberdein, thir mony zeiris bygane, of continewatioun of ane standand counsall of ane certane number of persones *alternus terminis et*

vicibus in the saidis offices ; for obedience of the said act and ordinance of parliament foirsaid, his Maiesties letter direct thairvpon, and for awayding of the greit debaitis liklie to fall out within the said burch, they haif tane and set doun the ordour following, as best aggreis with the commoun and municipall lawis and actis of parliament within this cuntrie, in the electioun of the counsall and magistratis of the said burch, to wit, the saidis commissionaris of burrowis, all in ane voce, ordanis that the present counsall of Abirdein sall, vpon the ordinar day preceeding Michelmes day nixt to cum, elect and cheis ane new counsall of the said burch of the number of tuelff persones, allenerlie ; and for reforming of the confusioun vsit of continewatioun of ane counsall and magistratis thir mony zeiris by past, ordanis the present prowest, four bailleis, dane of gild, and thesaurer of the said burch viz., Alexander Ruderfurd prowest, George Knowis, Ihone Lingstoun, Master Richartt Vrwing, Dauid Menzeis, bailleis, Iames Seytoun, dane of gild, and Dauid Fergisson, thesaurer, to be sewin of the said number of tuelff of the counsall for the nixt zeir, becaus the saidis commissionaris ordanis the said present prowest, baillies, dane of gild, and thesaurer to be changit and alterit fra the saidis offices, for reforming of the said confusioun, and nocht be chossin in ony vther office within the said burch, bot vpon the counsall allenerlie, for the zeir nixt following Michelmes nixt to cum ; and for compleiting of the said number of tuelff persones of the counsall, ordanis the said present auld counsall to cheis thre mercheandis traffectaris, induellaris of the said burch, furth of the nyne persones following, to wit, Thomas Donaldson, William Gray, Robert Andersone, Ihone Layng, Maister George Andersone, George Gordoun, Alexander Ewing, Aléxander Crukshank, Dauid Carngill, and tua craftismen of the said burch, to compleit the said number of tuelff, furth of thir sax craftismen following, burgessis induellaris of the said burch, to wit, George Elphingstoun, Alexander Rannaldsone, Ihone Frissall, Ihone Sanderis, Robert Sanderis, Laurence Merser ; and the said counsall being sua chossin and suorne, the saidis haill commissionaris in ane voce ordanis the said present auld counsall, togidder with the new counsall foirsaid, at the ordinar day of electioun of thair prowest, bailleis, dane of gild, and thesaurer, at Michelmes nixt to cum, to elect and chus ane new prowest, new bailleis, new dane of gild, and ane new thesaurer, furth of the number of the leittis following, namit and giffin vp be the saidis

commissionaris of burrowis, of the best and wurdieſt merchandis, traffec-taris, induellaris within the ſaid burch of Aberdein, the preſent prowteſt, bailleis, dane of gild, and theſaurer, being changit and alterit as ſaid is, nochtwithſtanding that for obſerwing of the forme, thair names be insert in the ſaidis leittis, viz., the eleittis of prowestrie, Alexander Ruderfurd, George Forbis, Maister Patrik Schein; and for the leittis of the bailleis, the four preſent bailleis, and to be eikit to thame ſax of the ſaidis mercheandis traffectaris, that ſall remain onchoſſin of the ſaidis leittis of counſall, and ane of the ſaidis tua that ſall be onchoſin in the ſaid prowestry, to wit, ather the ſaid George Forbis, or Maister Patrik Schein, and William Lorimer, mercheand, adionet with thame, to compleit the number of tuelff vpon the ſaid leit of bailzearie; and in the eleittis of dane of gild, and theſaurer, the preſent dane of gild, and theſaurer, and the four perſones of the elkit eleitis of the bailleis foirsaid, that ſall remain onchoſſin, out of the quhilk four perſones ane new dane of gild and theſaurer to be choſſin at the ſaid ordinar tyme for the zeir nixt thair-efter following. And ordanis, as ſaid is, that the ſaid preſent prowteſt, bailleis, dane of gild, and theſaurer be changit at the ſaid ordinar tyme, and to be electit in na vther office for the nixt zeir efter the ſaid nixt Michelmes, bot allenirle vpon the counſall. And the ſaidis commissionaris of burrowis ordanis this thair ſaid forme ſet down be thame to the ſaid burch of Aberdein, anent the electioun of thair counſall and magiſtrates foirsaidis, to ſtand for ane ordour and law to thame for electioun of thair counſall and magiſtrates at Michelmes nixt to cum, and zeirly in tyme cuming, becauſe the ſamyn forme is conſonant and aggreand to the municipall lawis, constitutis, and actis of parliament of this realme, ſet down anent the electioun of counſall and magiſtrates within burch. And George Knowis, commissioner for the burgh of Abirdene, diſſented to the ſaid ordinance and decreitt, and proteſted the ſamyn be nawayis preiudiciall to thair richtis and conſuetudes allowit be decreit of the Lordis of Session, and for reductioun of the ſaid decreitt, and nullitie thairof, and for remeid of law, etc.

Guthre to ſubſcryve and forme ane miſſive to the Biſhop and miniſter of Abirdene

The ſame day, the commissioneris foirsaidis ordanis Ihonn Guthre, thair generall clark, to forme an miſſive in thair names to be direct to the Biſhop and miniſter of Abirdene to hald hand to the executioun of the decreitt befor writtin, and to requeiſt the magiſtratis of the ſaid burgh, in all quyetnes and peceabill maner to uſe thame ſelues heirin, as they

tender thair awin quyetnes, obedience of oure Souerane Lord, and his Hienes actis of parliamentt, etc.

That sam day, the commissionaris fairsaid hes continewit and continewis Ihone Guthrie, thair generall clerk, in the office thairrof, frome the day and dait of this present act vnto the monethe of Iunij nixt in the zeir of God j^m v^c fourscoir threttein zeiris, extending to the space of ane zeir to cum, vpon the conditiouns, and for the fees and dewteis mentionat and contentit in his first act of admissioun, and for sur payment to him of his ordinar stipend and expenssis frome the first day Iulij last vnto the first day of Iulij nixt heirefter, findis thame restand awand to the said Ihone the sowme of sax scoir pundis, quhairof they ordane him to be payit of the first and reddiest of the sowmes of money and restis mentionat and continet in Iames Windrem, agent, comptis, quhome they ordane to pay to the said Ihone the samyn at the first ingathering thairrof; and for his zeiris stipend to cum, frome Iulij nixt to Iulij nixt thairefter in the zeir of God j^m v^c four scoir threttein zeiris, viz., incais it sall hapin ony taxatioun to interwein betuix this and the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis, his said stipend and expenssis to be includit thairintill, and the generall collectour thairroff present and for the tyme, to mak him dew and thankfull payment of the first and reddiest of the said taxatioun, vtherwayis his stipend fairsaid to be payit be the hail burrowis *pro rata*, ilk ane for thair awin pairt proportioanlie, conforme to the generall taxt roll of the burrowis, and quhair it sall hapin the said nixt generall conventioun to be hauldin, the samyn to be remimberit as ane speciall haid in thair missiwis to be direct to ewerie perticular burch, alsweill exemit as nocht exemit, and they to send with thair commissionaris thair perticular pairtis of the said Ihones stipend and expenssis *pro rata*, conforme to the said stent roll, and ilk burch failleand to pay or send thair pairtis, as said is, to the said nixt generall conventioun, the commissionaris compeirand thairto, nocht to be ressaut, and to pay ane vnlaw of twenty pundis; and the burrowis missiwis to be sent, nocht bringand or sendand with the commissionaris of burrowis thair pairtis of the said Ihones stipend, conforme to the said stent roll, lykwayis nocht to be ressaut, and to incure the lyk pane of twenty pundis, to be vpliftit of thame and ewirrie ane of thair burchis, but fauouris.

The same day, ordanis Iames Windrane, agent, for his bygane stipend

Continewatioun of Ihone Guthrie generall clerk in the office thereof and to be remimberit in missiwis.

Windreme, agent.

of four scoir saxtein pund threttein schillingis four penyis, frome October j^m v^c fourscoir elewin to October nixt to cum the zeir of God j^m v^c four-scoir tuelff zeiris, to be payit in maneir as is contenit in the act aboue expremit.

Craillis com-
plent aganis
Anstruther to
remimberit be
in missiwes.

That same day, ordanis the complent giffin in be Ihone Makiesone, com-missionar of Craill, in name of the prowest, bailleis, and counsall thairof, aganis the inhabitantis of Anstruther be eist the burne, for certane customes and ankeragis, quhairin, as they allege, they haif bein in pecible posses-sioun past memorie of man, as at lenthe is contenit in the said complent, to be remimbrit in the missiwis to be direct to the nixt generall con-ventioun, and the said burch of Anstruther to be warnit to send thair commissioneris fullie instructit with thair richtis to ansuer thairto.

Impost grantit
to Dunfreis.

The same day, anent the suplicatioun presentit be Harbert Reinyng, prowest and commissioner for the burch of Dunfreis, crawling suport to the reparling of thair decayit brig, grantis thame licence to impetrat at the Kingis Maiestie and Secreit Counsall, ane gift of sic vmpost as is of befoir grantit to the burch of Irrowyne, and Air, nocht exceding the dewteis thairin contenit, they being alwayis comptable to the burrowis, at the ische and outrunning of thre zeiris, to mak to thame dew compt and rakning vpon the bestowing of the dewteis foirsaid, to the effect aboue expremit, and the said burgh to exact na thing be his Maiesties gift be first obtenit, etc.

Appuncting of
ane hundreth
pundis to be
adionet to the
former extent of
tua hundreth
pundis. Makart-
nay, Forfar.

The same day, ordanis to be includit in the taxatioun of tua hundreth pund, the sowme of ane hundreth pundis, makand in the haill thre hundreth pundis, quhilk last hundreth pundis is for payment of Mariore Rowane relict of vmquhill William Makcartnay, sumtyme thair agent, the sowme of fourtie sax punds threttein schillingis four pennyis, in full and compleit payment of the sowme of ane hundreth merkis grantit to the said Mariorie, as for the rest of hir said vmquhill husbandis seruice, and in recompance thairof; vnto the collectioun of the quhilk extent and in-gathering thairof, they, as of befoir, nominatis Iames Windrem, thair agent, collectour, and of the first and reddiest of the samyn mak the said Mairorie payment betuix and the feist of Mertymes nixt, togidder with the sowme of fourtie pundis to the burch of Forfar for suport of thair persuit in the actioun and caus dependand befoir the Lordis of oure Souerane Lordis Sessioun aganis the Maister of Glames, suppressing thame in thair liberteis,

with provisioun alwayis, the said agent be nocht astrictit to pay ony of the pairteis aboue exprenit the sowmes appunctit to be payit be him to thame vnto the tyme the haille extent of thre hundrethe pundis be fullie collectit and ingatherit.

That same day, hes exemit and exemis the burch of ~~Lerark~~ ^{Lauder, Thane, and Lerark} fra all keiping conventiouns for the space of thre zeiris benorth the Tay, and siclyk the burchis of Lauder and Thane, vpon the prowisiouns mentionat and contentit in the formar actis of exemptiouns.

That same day, continewis all ansuer giffing to Ihone Chisholme, and the awnaris of panis and traffectaris with salt, to the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis, and to be remimbrt in missiwis.

That same day, the commissionaris foirsaidis grantis for thair pairtis that the burch of Kirkcaldie obtien sic gift of his Maiestie of the lyk impost as is vplifit be the toun of Dysert in all punctis, prowying that they be zeirlic comptable thairfor to the burrowis, for the dew bestowing thairof vpon thair decayit harbrie.

That same day, the commissionaris ordanis Iames Windrem, agent, to caus execut the lettres of horning and tressone aganis Thomas Kenzow and Alexander Forrat in Pittinweme, for the sowme of threscoir ane pund, with all extremitie; and also the said agent to persew all and sindrie hornaris to be ingiffin to him, as he will be ansuerable thairfor, suspending the execution heirof for twa monethis heirefter, alanerlie.

The same day, it is speciall statut and ordanit, efter dew considderatioun had of the suplicatioun presentit to thame be Andro . . . customar to oure Souerane Lord of his Hienes customes within [the] burch of Kirkcaldie, for him selff and in name and behalff [of] the marinaris and vtheris, traffectaris thairfor, crawling ordour to be tane with the toun of Brinteland and customar thairfor, vplifting custumis of Ingles gudis and vther wairis arrewing to thair said port and hewin, with contrarius windis drewin in thairto, as at lenthe is contentit in the said Andro and the said marinellis suplicatioun, that, incais at ony tyme heirefter, ony gudis or geir be delyuerit and tane furth of ony schip and crear into botis or vther weschallis to be transportit to ony vther herbrie, nocht landit vpon the schoir, thane and in that cais, the awneris of the said gudis and geir sall on nawayis be astrictit in payment of customes thairfor, bot onlie of thair ankerage in quhatsumewer port of this realme, vnto the

Continuatioun -
ansuer, Chis-
holme, to be
rememberit in
missiwis.

Impost,
Kirkcaldie.

Agent to per-
sew hornaris
and Kingzow
with Forrett,
etc.

Act aganis the
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said geir ather be left in thair awin herbrie or sum vther port, quhair thay sall pay thair dew customes ; and gif the magistratis and thair officeris in quhatsumewer burch assist in the contrar heirof, to incur the penultie of xx libris vnlaw.

Glesquo contra
Air, to be
remembrit in
missiwis.

The same day, anent the suplication giffin in be the burgh of Glesguow aganis the burch of Air, for vptaking of greitter dewteis grantit to thame for vphalding of thair brig nor is contenit in thair gift, ordanis the saidis burchis to send thair commissionaris fullie instructit with thair richtis, speciallie the said burch of Air to produce thair gift of the said impost, that the samin may be tryit and considerit be the said burrowis, and to be remimbrt in missiwis.

Act, Kenzow
and Craill.

The same day, Ihone Makesone, commissionar for the burch of Craill, in name of the maiestratis thairof, past simpliciter fra the suspensioun ressit be thame aganis Thomas Kenzow in Pettinweim, for ane pairt of the impost, and thairfor ordanis the said Thomas to persew for the said impost befor the saidis magistrates of Craill, quhairwith the said Thomas Kenzow stood content, and the saidis magistrattis of Craill to do iustice, as they will be ansuerable to the burrowis.

Four burrowis
appunetit to
apprehend the
inhabitantis of
Rothsay and
thair gudis.

The same day, forsameikle as the agent of burrowis, with Henry Chartouris and vtheris, collectouris appunetit be the burrowis, hes complenit vpon the burch of Rothsay that thay nather mak payment of thair extentis nor vnlawis, nor keipis conventiouns, as vtheris burrowis dois, and thairfor ordanis that the burrowis of Air, Vrwing, Glesquow, and Dunbartane sall apprehend the saidis burgessis of Rothsay, thair gudis and geir, fens and arrest the samin vnto the tyme, thai find sufficient cawtioun to content and pay to the agent and collectouris quhatsumewer bygane stentis and vnlawis, quhairto the saidis haill assemble grantis to the saidis four burrowis full power and commissioun, and nocht to esteme nor vse the saidis burgessis of Rothsay as frimen ; and the saidis burrowis to be ansuerable vpon thair diligence heiroff, vnder sic panis as sall be imposit aganis thame be the burrowis ; and in the mentyme, that the said burch of Rothsay be adwerteisit to compeir in Edinburch be thair commissionar, the tuentie day of September nixt, befor the prowest, bailleis, counsall, and vtheris commissionaris appunetit to convene thair the said day, for making compt, rekning, and payment of thair saidis extentis and vnlawis, and to ansuer for nocht keping conventiouns, with expres commissioun, that, incais the said burgh of Rothsay, at the said conventioun

appoynted to be haldin at Edinburgh, compeir nocht, to incur the vnlawis foirsaidis, and ordanis thair clark to subscriue ane seuair missive to be sentt to the said burgh of Rothesay to this effect, etc.

The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis for thair pairtis grantis^{Perth, brig Erne.} that the burgh of Perth impetrat and obtene of the Kingis Maestie ane certan dewtie, as Irrowyne hes, for suppoirtt of the deokayit brig of Ern.

The same day, the commissioneris desoluis this thair present convention and appoyntis thair nixtt generall convention to be haldin at the burgh of Dysart vpoun the alleuintt day of Iunij nixtt, in the zeir of God j^m v^c four scoir threttene zeris, and ordanis the commissioner of the said burgh to aduerteis the magistrates thair of to caus mak lawfull wairning to warne euery ane of the frie burrowis of this realme to send thair commissioneris fullie instructed to treitt, resoun, and conclude vpoun sic thingis as salbe proponit thairatt, vnder the payne and vnlaw of twenty pundis.

Eduerd Galbreith
William Duncan
G. Knollis, exceptand the decreitt
A. Ker for Linlythq^w
George Cochrane for Ayr
Alex^r. Annand
Williame Scott
Will. Ramsay for Brechin
I. Wilsone
Dauid Broun for Dunfermyne
Patrik Dykesone
Master Iames Wischert for Montross
Iohne Makesone
Robert Tulloch for Fores
James Scot
Iohnne Smyth
Robert Dalzell
H. Ranyng
Walter Ros for Tayne
Thomas Kingzow

Iohne Robertsone
Patrik Blair
Walter Cowan for Stirling
Dauid Watsone
I. Andersone
Daved Bosuell
Robert Watsoun
Thomas Henryson
George Sute
Thomas Watsone
William Wilkin
I. Lautie
Patrik Sinclar
M. Kircaldie
Ihone Orrok for Bryntiland
Allr. Cutbert
Iohne Howstoun
G. Durie
Andro Meluill
Robert Adam for Glasqu.
I. GUTHRIE

Edinburgh

In the Conventioun of Burrowis haldin at Edinburgh vpoun the xxij, xxiiij, xxv, and xxvj dayis of Ianuar, the zeir of God j^m v^e foure scoir tuelff zeiris, Compeirit the Commissioneris of Burrowis efter following, viz.,

For Edinburgh, Iohnne Robertsoun, Eduard Galbrayth ; Perth, Oliveir Young, Henry Balnais ; Dondie, Iames Auchinleck, Iohnn Traill ; Glasquow, Robert Chyrnesyde ; Sanctandrois, Daid Watsoun ; Striveling, Anthone Bruce ; Linlithquow, Andro Ker ; Dysarte, Iames Hacquett ; Pettinweme, William Sympsoun ; Selkirk, Iames Scott ; Elgene, Alexander Annand ; Craill, Iohnne Makesoun ; Northberuick, Thomas Lauder ; Peiblis, Iohnne Hoppringill ; Anstruther Wester, Iohnne Cuke ; Anstruther Eister, Robert Clapane ; Kirkcaldie, Abrahame Thomsoun ; Irrowine, Alexander Dunlope ; Air, Robert Iamesoun ; Hadingtoun, Iohnne Wilsoun ; Innerkeithing, Robert Broun ; Dunbartane, Williame Cunninghame ; Dumfreis, Maister Homer Maxwell ; Laneark, Robert Allesoun ; Culros, George Bruce ; Dunbar, Maister Alexander Kellie, William Lauder ; Iedburgh, Richart Alleson ; Renfrow, Ihonn Iaksoun ; Montros, Maister Iames Wischartt ; Cowpar, Ihonn Iamesoun ; Kirkcudbright, Ihonn Mekill ; Ruthuglen, Walter Fairy ; Abirbrothok, Thomas Peirsoun.

The same day, the hail commissioneris of burrowis abouewrittin, for thame selues and remanentt burrowis of this realme, aggreis all in ane voce thatt the burgh of Edinburgh sall tak vp on proffeitt the sowme of nyne hundreth and fyftie poundis, with vther fyftie poundis as for ane termes proffeitt thairof, extending in the hail to ane thowsand poundis, for sustenyng of ane hundreth souldiours and thair commanderis to his Maiestie for ane moneth. And for releiff of the said burgh of Edinburgh, grantis to thame full powar to vplift of euerie burgh within this realme thair pairttis of the said hail sowme, conforme to the last stentt roll sett down, and sa mony as payit nocht thair pairtis thairoff, that thay salbe astrietit in the proffeitt *pro rata*, during the non payment of thair pairttis

of the said sowmes ; and that Iames Windrham, thair agentt, vpoun the haill burrowis expenssis, sall raise lettres for ingetting of the said sowme and proffeitt, aganis thame quha payis nocht thankfullie thair pairttes thairoff, efter chairgis, befor the feist of Witsunday nixtt ; provyding gif the hundreth horsemen be not vpliftit be the barronis, that the burrowis be nocht astrictit in payment of the said sowme and proffeitt.

Iohne Robertstone

Eduard Galbrath

Olipher Young

Iames Auchinlek

R. Chirnsyde

Dauid Watsoune

Iohne Iaksone

Iames Scot

Iohnne Meikill

Robert Elison

Robert Broun

Richert Aliesoun

Andro Ker for Linlythgw

Anthoyne Bruce subscriuit be

I. GUTHRIE.

Iohnne Traill

Robert Iamessone

Alex. Annand

Alex^r. Dunlop

Iames Hackat

William Connynhame

Ihone Iamesone

Iohnne Pringill

Walzm Symssone

Mr Alex^r. Kellie

Abraham Thomsson

Robertt Liuingstoun

Iohne Makesone

Thomas Peirsoun

In the Generall Assemblie or Conventioun of Burrowis ^{Dysart.}
haldin and begun at the burgh of Dysart the alevint
day of Iunij the zeir of God 7^m v four scoir threttene
zeiris, Compeirit the Commissionaris efter following
and presented commissiouns in maner as follows, etc. :

Edinburgh, Iohnne Robertsoun, Eduard Galbrayth ; Kingorne, Capitane
 Dauid Boiswell ; Innerkeithing, George Durie ; Striveling, Walter Cowane ;
 Linlithquow, Androw Ker ; Dunbartane, Williame Cunynghame ; Renfrow,

William Somervell; Rutherglen, be ane exemptioun producit be Robert Adam, but missiue; Air, George Cocheran; Glasquow, Robert Adame; Wigtoun, be ane missiue presented be Robert Adame commissioner for Glasquow; Lanerk, William Wilkine; Iedburgh, Thomas Henrysoun; Selkirk, James Scott; Peebles, Iohnne Stewinsoun; Hadingtoun, Iohnne Wilsoun; Northberuick, Thomas Lauder; Dunbar, be an missiue presented be Iohnne Wilsoun; Lauder, be ane missiue presented be Thomas Henrysoun; Abirdene, Maister Iohnne Cheyne; Dondie, Robert Flescheoure; Perth, James Adamsoun, Patrik Blair; Dumfermling, Robert Pawtoun; Craill, Iohnne Douglas; Forfair, George Swtie; Sanctandrois David Watsoun; Coupar, Iohnne Iamesoun; Thayne, be ane missiue presented be Henry Young clark of Dysart; Kirkcaldy, Robert Hay, Iohnne Hacquet; Pettinweme, Thomas Kingzow; Anstruther be eist the burne, Robert Clapane; Anstruther be west the burne, Andro Melvile; Culane, be ane missiue presented be Capitane David Boisswell; Dysartt, Maister Iohnne Wemis; Culros, George Bruce; Montrois, Mr James Wischartt; Forres, be ane missiue presented be ;
Brunt Iland, Iohnne Sympsoun.

1. The same day, etc., compeirit Henry Young, clark of Dysartt, and maid his declaratioun of the delyuering of the missiue billis direct for citatioun of the hail commissioneris of burrowis of this realme to this presentt conventioun.

Brunt Iland
vnlawit.

2. The same day, etc., findis the burgh of Brunt Iland to have incurit the pane and vnlaw of ten poundis, for thair nocht compeirance to this presentt conventioun befor tuelff houris befor none, conforme to the act maid at Montrois thairanent, quhairvnto Iohnne Sympsoun, merchant of Bruntiland, disasentit, and presentit his commissioun quhilk wes resaut, butt preiudice of the said vnlaw.

Election of
Moderatour,
and daylie
conventioun.

3. The same day, Iohnne Lauthrisk, as principall in the burgh of Dysarttis, commissioun, is elected in Moderatour to this presentt conventioun, be the aduyse of the hail commissioneris presently convenit; Appoyntis thair daylie conventioun to be and begin at auchtt houris in the mornynge, quhan the bell sall ring to that effect, and efter none at the ringing of the bell, quhilk sall begyn at half hour to tua; and the personis absent at the ceissing of the bell, and calling of the roll, to incure ane vnlaw of sax schillingis auchtt pennyis vnforgevin, etc.

4. The same day, the commissioneris of burrowis foirsaid haueand red ^{Anent the} prayer in the ^{beginning of} ^{ilk conven-} ^{tioun.} and pervesit the forme of prayer underwritin, presented vnto thame, they approveit and allowit the same, and thairfoir hes statute and ordanit, that in the beginning of all thair conventiounis in tyme cuming, and daylie induring the tyme of thair conventioun, at thair meittingis, the said prayer be red and vsitt, quhilk thay ordanit to be insertt and registratt in thair conventioun buke; off the quhilk, the tennour followis: Seying, Lord, thair is nathing can prosper or happelie succeid without thi speciall blissing, thairfor, we, thi servands presentlie assemblit in thi name to intreatt vpoun the effairis of oure estaitt, distrusting in oure selffis alto-gidder, be ressoun of that corruptioun and waiknes that lyes in oure nature, and depending haillie vpoun thi bountefull guidnes and mercy, maist humelie beseikis thy haly Maiesty to wowtchaif thi mercifull presence in the myddis of ws, that we may be assuret of thi blessing in the beginning, progres, and end of this wark. Furneis ws with thi awin graces, quhairby we may habill, faythfullie and cairfully in sum mesure to dischaarge oure dewteis. Lichtin oure dark and dwll senses and witts with the licht of thi Haly Spreitt from aboue, and inform ws, in thir evill dayes, be thi awin wisdom, quhat is meittest to be done, quhat is lawfull and maist expedient in every thing. Reform oure hairts also, O Lord, be the power of that sam Spreitt, that we may eschew the evill, and zealouslie persew the guid. Oure awin affectiouns, oure caldnes, and ignorances, Lord, we man confes ar the grittest enemeis we haif in euery guid wark, and iustlie may we now also suspect thame; Thairfore we maist humely beseik thi Maiestie to richt oure vnrewlie affectiouns, and expel this caldnes and ignorance, that, setting apairt all partialitie and self love, we may do all things with wisdom and zeale, and in all sincerity and vprichtnes of hairt. Fill ws with thi Guid Spreitt, that in this haill actioun we seik nathing bot thi Maiesties glorie, the commoun weill of oure estaitt, and the quyetnes of this pur cuntry: Wowtchsaif Lord thir things, and all other things thi Maiestie thinks neidfull at this tyme to the accomplisshement of this wark, for oure Lord Jesus Chryst saik, to quhom with the, and the Hailly Ghaist, be all praise and glorie for euir.

5. The same day, the commissioneris foirsaidis findis the burrowis vn-^{Burrowis} derwritin, and ilk ane of thame, to haue incurit the pane and vnlaw of ^{vnlawit—} ^{chaarge agent.}

tuentie poundis, for nocht sending of thair commissioneris to this presentt conventioun, being lawfully wairintt thairto, as wes sufficientlie verifeit be Henry Young, clark of Dysartt, directar of the missiues, and ordanis James Winrhame, thair generall agent, to inbring and collect the samin, togither with the half vnlaw abouewrittin, and gif neid beis to rais and execute lettres in forme as effeiris, to witt the burrowis of Irrowyne, Kirkcudbrycht, Dumfreis, Bamff, Brechene, Innernes, Abirbrothok, Narne, Elgene, Quhithorne.

Anent the
rowping of the
commoun gude
and perambuling
thair commoun
lands.
Missiue.

6. The samyn day, etc., anent the first heid of the missiue, concerning the diligence to be schawin in rowping of thair commoun gude and setting thairrof, and perambuling of thair merches, as at mair lenth is contenit in ane act maid thairvpoun at thair last conventioun : the commissioneris of the burgh of Edinburgh producit ane act of thair counsall to that effect ; the commissioneris of Lanerk producit ane instrument of rowping of thair common gude ; Hadingtoun lykewayis producit thair diligence be ane act of thair counsall ; the commissioner of Air producit ane attestatioun of thair commoun clark ;—quhilkis writtis wes red in audience of the said conventioun, and the rest of the saidis commissioneris seuerally maid ane verball repoirrt of the estaitt of thair commoun guidis, and forme of rowping and perambuling. With the quhilkis, the saidis hail commissioneris of burrowis, being aduysit, be thir presenttis statutis and ordanis that at the nixt conventioun of burrowis, ilk burgh be thair commissioneris produce and repoirrt mair speciall diligence in writt, anent the rowping and setting of thair commoun gude, and perambuling of thair merches, conforme to the act maid at Sanctandrois in anno 1589 thairanent, quhilk act thay ordane ilk seuerall burgh to extract, and caus be insertt in thair court buikis, and this to be done vnder the pane of tuentie libris ilk burgh in tymecoming, and to be rememberit in the missiues ; and absoluis the burrowis fra penaltie heiroff, in tyme bygane.

Cowper contra
Pettinweyme,
Anstruthers.
Missiue.

7. The same day, anent the second heid of the missiue, and first pairtt thairrof, concernyng the complayntt of Coupar aganis Pettinweme and Anstruther Eister and Wester, for troubling of thame in certane small customes, as is contenit in the act of the last conventioun maid thairvpoun : Compeirit Andro Meluile, commissioner of Anstruther be west the burne, and, nawayis affermand the competencie of this presentt iurisdiction to cognosce vpon the titelis of the said toun, and adherand to his former

protestationis maid at Kirkcaldy, alwayis for obedience, producit the extract of ane act of parliamentt beirand the erectioun of the said burgh, of the daitt the fyft of Junij 1592, togither with his Maiesties gift of fundatioun of the said toun, quhilkis wes red, and delyuerit vp agane to the said Androw ; and the rest of the saidis pairteis, being alsua presentt be thair commissioneris, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis, of consent of pairteis, continewis the said matter in the same estait to the nixt generall conventioun, according to the said last act sett doun at Kirkcaldy, suspending in the mene tyme all vptaking of the small customes mentionat in the said act, and ordanis the haille commissioneris presently convenit to cum fullie instructed to the nixt assemblee, to conclude in the said mater, as alsua to repoirrt thair awin consuetudis and rychtis, quhairby thay tak ony small customes, burgh fra burgh, and quhat is the quantity thairrof, that thay may the mair resolutely conclude heirinto, and that ane vniuersall ordour may be sett doun heiranent throw all the burrowis ; and this to be rememberit in the nixtt missiues.

8. The same day, anent the thrid heid of the said missiue, concernyng the complayntt of Pettinweme contrair Innernes for vplifting of ane excyse boll of saltt, as at mair lenth is contenitt in the actt of the last conventioun maid at Kirkcaldy, quhairintill the said burgh of Innernes wes ordanit to compeir and produce thair rychtis at this conventioun, quha being aft tymes callit and nocht compeirand, thairfor the saidis commissioneris decernis the said burgh of Innernes in ane vnlaw of tuentie poundis to be vpliftit be thair agentt, and, in the meane tyme, ordanis the said burgh to be wairnit to compeir the nixt generall assemblee fullie instructed with thair richtis and resounis, to ansuer to the said complayntt, with certificatioun, and thay fuilzie, thay sal be decernit simpliciter to desist and ceis fra all vptaking of the excyse boll of saltt mentionatt in the said act of conventioun, and complayntt, to be rememberit in the missiues.

9. The same day, anent the fyft heid of the missiue, concernyng the complayntt of Air, Glasquow, Irrowyne, and Dunbartane agais Kirkcudbrycht, for vplifting of thame, being friemen, of foure bollis greitt saltt, land mesour, of ilk schip and bark arryueing within thair harbery, as at lenth is contenit in the actt of the last conventioun, the commissioneris of the said burgh of Air, Glasquow, and Dunbartane being presentt,

Pittinweyme,
Innernes.
Missiue.
Charge agent.

Air, Glasquow,
Irrowyne, Dum-
bartane contra
Kirkcud-
brycht. Mis-
siues. Charge
agent.

and the said burgh of Kirkcudbrycht being aft tymes callit, and nocht compeirand, the said commissioneris decernis the said burgh of Kirkcudbrycht in ane other vnlaw of tuentie poundis, to be vpliftit be thair agent, for thair nocht compeirance to ansuer to the said complaynt, being lauffullie wairnit thairto be the commoun missiue, and ordanis the said burgh to be wairnit of new to the nixt generall conventioun, quhairreuer the samin salhappin to be haldin, to ansuer to the said complaynt, bringand with thame thair rychtis and resounis, with certificatioun, and thay failzie, thay salbe decernit simpliciter to desist and ceis fra all vptaking of the said foure bolls greitt saltt, and this to be rememberit in the missiues.

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Lanrik, Glas-
quow. Missiue.

10. The quhilk day, the commissioneris of burrowis foirsaidis being convenit, anent the saxt heid of the missiue concernyng the complaynt of Lanerk aganis Glasquow, for vplifting of ane laidill full of euery laid victuall, and ane neiff full of euery wecht woll, or ane fleice of ilk pack, as at mair lenth is specifeit in ane act of the last conventioun, bayth the saidis pairteis compeirand be thair commissioneris, and the defender denyand the vptaking of the said fleice, thairfoir, and of his consent, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis decernis the said burgh of Glasquow to desist and ceis fra all vptaking of the said fleice in all tyme cuming, and continewis, of consent of pairteis, the rest of the said complaynt to the nixt conventioun generall, according to the tennour of the last act, ordanyng thame to produce and allege the saidis rychtis and resounis, the said tyme, vnder the pane of xx libris, and this to be rememberit in the missiues.

Craill contra
Anstruther
Missiue.

11. The same day, anent the auchtt heid of the missiue, concernyng the complayntt of Craill aganis Anstruther be eist the burne, for vplifting of certane ankerrages and small customes, at mair lenth specifeit in ane actt of the last conventioun, bayth the pairteis being presentt be thair commissioneris, the said commissioneris of burrowis, of bayth thair consenttis, in hoipe of concord, continewis the said matter to the nixt conventioun in the same estait according to the said last act maid at

Kirkcaldy, ordanyng thame than to produce and allege thair rychtis and resonnis, and this to be rememberit in the missiues.

12. The same day, anent the nyntt heid of the said missiue, con-^{Glasguow}
cernyng the complayntt of Glasquow aganis Air, for vplifting of greittar ^{contra Air.}
dewteis nor is contenit in their gift, for vphalding of thair brig, at lenth ^{Agent}
specifeit in ane act of the last conventioun, baith the pairteis being present be thair commissioneris, the commissioner of the said burch of Air productit his gift of the said dewteis, vnder the Privie Seill, quhilk wes red in audience of the said haill commissioneris, quha being aduysait thairwith, efter the samyn wes delyuerit to him agane, ordanit him to produce forther richtis anent the saidis dewteis for thair better informatioun, and he allegitt that be productioun of the said gift he haid satiffeit the desyre of the missiue, be the quhilk he is nocht astrictit to produce ony forther, and als allegitt that he wes nocht instructit be his toun sua to do, and that he being quarrellit heirvpoun of befor, in ane generall conventioun halden at Glasgow, was appoyntit to produce his haill rychtis at Sanctandrois, quhilk he did, and als declairit that his burgh haid the guid will and consent of the haill burrowis to the obtenyng of his gift with ane act of parliament gevand commissioun to certane noibill men to visite their decayit warkis, be the advyse of landwartt gentillmen and burgessis maist ewest to their toun, to consultt thairanent, and to send back reportt to the Secreitt Counsall, quhilk reportt thay lykeways haue, and offerit in name of the toun of Air to produce the samyn, nochtwithstanding thay were productit of befor, at thair first privat or generall assemblee, being laufullly wairnit to that effect vnder sick penalteis as the commissioneris wald inione; he willis thame onnawayis to pretend ignorance heirof proceed in his contrair, seing his tounis rycht resulttis vpoun thair awin consenttis, and act of parliament; and gif thay did ony thing to his preiudice, mair nor is contenit in the said missiue direct from Dysartt, protested for remeid of law. It beand considerit that he wes only quarrellit for taking of hiear dewteis nor his gift, quhilk he vtterly denyitt, and offerit him to the tryall of the saidis burrowis thairvpoun, lykeas ane tickett being presently gevin in be his partie of the dewteis tane, the samyn aggreit haliely with his gift, and sua his pairteis complayntt is tane away. Attoure the saidis commissioneris desyrit the said commissioner of Air to geve his aith gif he haid ony forther writtis heir presentt, quha wald nocht geve the same,

allegand that he wes nocht astrictit thairto, for the resonnis befoir rehersit, and that he wes willing to geve his aith that there were sum writtis necessar to his cause quhilk he haid nocht presently; and thairfore in respect of his refuis foirsaid, and also that he refusit to declair quhat writtis he haid and quhat he wanttit, the saidis commissioneris suspendis all warrand quhilk he can pretend of the burrowis, and ordanit thair agent to concure with the pairtie complenar in obtenyng suspension of his gift, and for annulling thairto in the nixt parliament, and that the commissioneris of burrowis to be direct to the parliament be rememberitt of the same be the said agentt.

Kingorne,
Kirkcaldy,
Dysart, contra
Brint Iland.

13. The same day, anent the tentt heid of the missiue, concernyng the complaynt of Kingorne, Kirkcaldy, and Dysart aganis Brint Iland, for taking of forther dewteis of schippis, boittis, and crearis arryund within their harbery nor is contenit in ane act of the last conventioun of burrowis maid at Kirkcaldy thairanent, the saidis burrowis compleneris compeirand be thair commissioneris, the said burgh of Brint Iland compeirand be Johnne Sympsoun thair commissioner, thair resounis hard and considerit, and thairwith being aduysit, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis decernis and ordanis the burgh of Brint Iland to desist and ceis fra all vplifting and resauing of hiear dewties off ony schippis, boittis, and crearis arryueand within thair harbery nor is specifeit and contenit in the said act, in all tyme cuming, vnder the pane of ane vulaw of fourtie poundis zeirly to be payit to the saidis burrowis; and the said commissioner of Brint Iland dissentit heirto, reclameand fra the act and decreitt of the saidis burrowis maid at Kirkcaldy insafar as the matter hes bene submittit vnto thame.

Innernes,
Elgene, Forres,
Pettinweyme,
Anstruthers
contra Abir-
dene. Missiue

14. The same day, anent the fourth heid of the said missiue, concernyng the complaynt to be gevin in be the burghis of Innernes, Elgene, Forres, Pettinweme, Anstruther Eister and Wester, and Craill aganis Abirdene, mentionatt in ane act of the last conventioun generall, the saidis burrowis of Anstruther Eister and Wester, Pettinweme, and Craill, compleneris, and the said burgh of Aberdene, defenderis, compeirand be thair commissioneris, the compleneris gaive in thair complaynt aganis Abirdene for the wrangous taking fra thame being friemen, of ane excyse boll greitt saltt of thair boittis and crearis arryueand within thair harbery and poirtt, and siclyk of ane boll of saltt of Sanct Nicolas mett, as at mair

lenth is contenit in the said supplicatioun. The saidis commissioneris of burrowis continewis the decisioun of the said matter to the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis, and ordanis the burgh of Abirdene to send thair commissioneris fully instructed with thair rychtis and resounis, to ansuer to the said complayntt, with certificatioun, and thay failzie, thay will decerne the said burch to haiff na rycht thairto, in the meane tyme suspending the vplifting thairto quhill the matter be tryit, and this to be rememberit in the missiues.

15. The same day, in presence foirsaid compeirit George Bruce, commissioner for the toun of Culros, and takand the burding upon him for the said toun on that ane pairtt, and George Durie, commissioner for the burgh of Innerkeithing, as for himselff, and takand the burding, as said is, on the uther pairtt, and wer content and consentit to abyde, fulfill, and vnderly the sentence and decreitt arbitrall to be gevin be the prouest, baillies, and counsall of the burgh of Edinburgh, or maist pairtt of thame, anent all questionnis and matteris debetabill betuix the said burgh and toun; and the saidis commissioneris of burrowis ordanit thame, of thair awin consenttis, to compeir befor the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsall, the fyft day of August nixttocum, bringand and produceand with thame thair submissioun in mair ample forme, with thair clames, richtis, and resounis, and willis and desyris maist affectuousslie the said prouest, baillies, and counsall, as thay tender the weifair of the estaitt of burrowis, vntie and incres thairto, to acceptt the said matter in and vpoun thame, and decyde thairintill, within auchtt dayis nixt efter the said fyvetene day of August. To the quhilk baith the saidis pairteis hes aggreit, and als consentit that the pairtie absent, and nocht compeirand with his rychtis, the said fyft day of August, sall pay to the pairtie compeirand the sowme of tuentie poundis. And incas it salhappin that the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsall will nocht accept the said matter vpoun thame, they wer content and consentit, that the same were decydid be the commissioneris of burrowis in thair nixt conventioun generall, and to produce thair rychtis and resounis befor thame, incas foirsaid, and this to be rememberit in the missiues.

Decimo tertio Iunij 1593.

Statute anent
burgessis
deprivit.

16. The quhilk day, the commissioners foirsaidis being convenit, it is thocht expedient, statute, and ordanit, and, for ane vniformitie to be haid amang thame selues, vniuersally aggreit, that quhensoever it salhappin ane burges and frieman of ony burgh, be the magistrates and counsall thairrof, to be depryuet simpliciter of his libertie and friedome within the samyn, for vsurpation contrair the commoun weill of thair burgh, breking of his ayth, or for ony vther iust and resonabill cause quhilk mycht merit the said paine of deprivation, that than, and in that caise, na vther burch in this realme, knawand of his deprivation foirsaid, tak vpoun thame to resaeue him in thair fellowschip and admitt him thair burges, vnder the pane of ane hundreth poundis to be payit to the burgh in the quhilk he wes depryueit; and quhow sone it salhappin his deprivation to be notifeit vnto thame that salhappin to haue resauit him, nocht knawing of the saym befor, that they incontinent call him befor thame and depryue him of his libertie resaeuit, vnder the pane abouewritten, to be payit as said is.

Anent the tred
in Spayne.

17. The same day, anent the bill gevin in befor thame be Maister William Murray, minister of this burgh, in name of the Generall Assemblie of the Kirk of this realme, desyring that, according to ane act of the said Assemblie, haldin at Dondie, and presentlie red and schawin, the presentt tred and trafficque of merchandise with the dominiounis of Spayne mycht be discharget, or, at the leist, suspendit, quhill libertie wer obtenit to haue the same without perell of conscience; with the quhilk the saidis commissioneris of burrowis being aduysit, findis that thai ar nocht presently instructed with sufficient powar of thair burghis to geve ane resolute ansuer in this matter of sua greitt consequence, zit neurthelies thay haue concludit, aggreit, and consentit, that ilk burch, be thair commissioner sufficiently instructit to this effect, with thair commissioun or letter missiue, subscriueit be thair prouest, baillies, and counsall, or be thair commoun clark, sall geve thair resolute ansuer to the said bill to the prouest of the burgh of Edinburgh vpoun the auchtt day of Iulij nixtocum, and the ansuer being gevin, resaeue ane tickett thairvpoun from James Windrham, agent, in taikin of thair diligence, vnder the pane of

ane vnlaw of tuentie poundis, to be vpliftit of the burgh nochtt gevand thair direct ansuer the said day be the said James Windrhame, agent, quhome thai ordane to raise lettres for vplifting of the said vnlaw, to be employit to weill of burrowis; and, for the better vnderstanding of the will and desyre of the ministrie, ordanis ilk commissioner present to tak and haiff ane copy of the act of the General Assemblie maid heiranent, to informe thair nychtbouris heirowff.

18. The same day, anent the complaynt of the commissioner of the burghis of Coupar, Craill, Pettinweme, and Anstruther be eist the burne aganis Anstruther be west the burne, for the laitt raiseing vpoun thame ane novatioun of ane laidilfull of ilk laid victuall cumand to thair merkett, bayth the saidis pairteis being presentt, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis continewis all ansuer geving thair of to the next conventioun generall of burrowis; at the quhilk tyme, thay ordane the pairtie defendand to compeir sufficiently instructit with his rychtis and resounis, to ansuer to the said complayntt, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx libris, and this to be rememberit in the missiues.

19. The same day, for gude and resonable causeis moveing thame, dischairgis all executioun of the lettres raisit for the vnlawing of the burghis of Perth, Sanctandros, Glasquow, and Striveling, for non compeirance at Edinburgh the xx day of September last, for taking ordour with the Conseruatour, the saidis burrowis payand to James Winrhame, thair agent, agane the expenssis deburseit in raising and executing of the saidis lettres, according to the said James conscience.

20. The same day, anent the second pairtt of the second heid of the missiue concernyng the complayntt of the burghis of Anstruther Wester, Coupar, and Pettinweme aganis the burgh of Anstruther Eister, for vplifting of certane ankerrages and hevin-siluer, and als certane pittie customes, baith the saidis pairteis being presentt be thair commissioneris, the said complenaris gaive in thair speciall bill of complayntt thairvpoun, and the saidis defenderis product our Souerane Lordis gift vnder the Privie Seill for certane impostis for reparatioun of their hevin grantit for the space of fyve zeiris fra the daitt thair of, quhilk is the fourth of December 1590 zeiris; with the quhilk the saidis commissioneris of burrowis being aduysit findis the said gift will expyre the fourth of December 1595 zeiris and thairfoir grantis licence and powar to the saidis defenderis to vplift and

Cowper, Craill,
Pittinweme,
Anstruther
Eister contra
Anstruther
Wester.
Missiue

Vnlawis of
Perth, Sanct-
andros, Glas-
quow, Stirling,
dischargit.

Anstruther
Wester,
Cowper,
Pettinweme
contra
Anstruther
Eister. Missiue

raise the saidis dewteis according to thair said gift for the zeiris to run thair of; quhilk being expyrit dischairgis thame of all forther vplifting of the same, and that thai purches na vther new gift thair of in tyme cuming without speciall licence of the burrowis haid and obtenit thairto, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth poundis, to be payit to the saidis burrowis, and tynsall of thair new gift. And as to the rest of thair said complayntt concernyng the ankerrages, ordanis thame to bruke, haue, and vplift the samyn according to the actt sett down in the last conventioun halden at Kirkcaldy in fauouris of the burgh of Brint Iland, concernyng thair ankerrages, and hevin-siluer. And as concernyng the pittiecustoms, continewis the decisioun thair of to the nixt conventioun of burrowis, according to the act maid anent the secund heid of the missiue, and this to be remimberit in the saidis missiues.

Statute, act of
parliament
anent the
vufriemen
traffiquaris,
suburbs.

21. The same day, the act of parliamentt maid in Iunij 1592 zeiris in fauouris of frie burrowis aganis vnfrie trafficquearis and craftismen in the suburbs of burrowis, being red and considderit, ordanis that the saidis commissioneris mak aduerteisment to thair burrowis to cause the samyn be pute to dew executioun, and elect commissioneris and collectouris to that effect, vnder the pane of ten poundis ilk burgh, and at the nixt general conventioun that thai repoirrt thair diligence thairvpoun, vnder the pane foirsaid.

Sanctandros
contra
Northbervik.
Missiue.

22. The same day, anent the complaynt gevin in be the burgh of Sanctandros aganis the burrowis of Northberuick and Hadingtoun, for vplifting and raising vpoun thame, within this tua zeiris, of ane new exaction of tua schillingis ilk pock woll at Northberuick, and at the said burgh of Hadingtoun, xvjd. for ilk pock woll, passand throw thair townes,—bayth the saidis pairteis being presentt be thair commissioneris, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis continews the decisioun of the said mater to the nixt conventioun generall, at the quhilk tyme thay ordane the saidis defenderis to compeir and ansuer to the said complaynt, sufficiently instructit with thair rychtis and resounis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of tuentie poundis, and lykewayis, gif thay failzie, to be decernit to desist fra all forther vptaking thair of, and this to be remimberit in the missiues.

Culros inrollet.

23. The same day, compeirit George Bruce, ane of the baillies of the toun of Culros, and producit the act vnder written, subscryueit be the

baillies and counsall thairof, and thair clark, as followis, quhilk being red and considerit, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis ordanit the samyn to be registrat in this presentt buke *ad perpetuam rei memoriam*, off the quhilk the tennour followis: AT THE BURGH OF CULROS the threttene day of Iunij the zeir of God j^m v^c four scoir threttene zeiris, the quhilk day we the baillies and counsall of the burgh of Culros, be the tennour of thir presenttis, for ws and oure successouris, baillies and counsall of the said burgh, abydis at the infetment obtenit be ws of our Souerane Lord the Kingis Maiestie, in erectioun of oure burgh in ane frie regall burgh, off the daitt the fyft day of Iunij 1592 zeiris, vnder his Maiesteis Greitt Seill, and sall onnawayis innovat the samyn bott abyde thairat, according to the tennour thairof in all poynttis, and renuncis, for ws and oure successouris, all and quhatsumeuer infetmentis obtenit be ws, concernyng oure foirsaid erectioun, of anterior daittis preceeding the said daitt; and gif that ather we or oure foirsaidis disclames thairfra, or fra the claussis thairin contenit, ar content and consenttis be thir presenttis that we and oure said burgh be removeit furth of the inolment of the burrowis off this realme, and fra thair societie; to the quhilkis premissis, we, be thir presenttis, faythfully bindis and oblissis ws and oure successouris be thir presenttis to be extendit in ample forme. Subscryueit be oure hand, day, zeir, and place abovewrittin, *Et sic subscribitur*, George Bruce, baillie, Iohnne Blaw, baillie, Iames Blaw, baillie, Androw Gibsoun, ane of the counsall, Alexander Coustoun, ane of the counsall, Archbald Prymrois, Robertt Maistertoun, ane of the counsall, Androw Broun, ane of the counsall, Iohnne Forrett, clark of the said burgh, and nottar publict subscryueand thir presenttis, at command of the rest of the counsall.

AND SICLYKE producit the new erectioun of the said toun in ane frie burgh regall, vnder his Hienes Greitt Seill off the daitt aboucexpremit, together with ane commissioun of the said toun, quhairby thay constitute the said George thair commissioner to this present conventioun. With the quhilkis the saidis commissioneris of burrowis being rypely aduysit, all in ane voce butt variannce, hes enrollit and acceptit, and be thir presenttis enrollis and acceptis, the said toun of Culros in thair number, as ane frie burgh regall, according to thair said erectioun, with all immvnties and privilegis belangand thairto; quhairvpoun the said George, commissioner foirsaid, askit instrumentis, but preiudice of the burgh of Innerkeithingis rycht, as accordis of law.

Enrolling
Culros.

Dundie,
Forfar.

24. The same day, anent the contraversie betuix the burghis of Dondie and Forfar, mentionat in ane act of the last conventioun haldin at Kirkcaldy, be the quhilk the samyn wes compromittit in the burghis of Montrois and Coupar of Fyfe, for the pairtt of Dondy, and the burghis of Perth and Breichene, for the pairtt of Forfar, as at length is contenit in the said actt, and vnderstanding that the samyn hes tane na effect, thairfoir ordanis the iudges mentionat in the said act, of consent of the commissioneris of bayth the saidis burrowis, being presentt, to convene and decyde in the said matter according to the tennour of the said act, and that the said burgh of Forfar mak aduerteisment to the said burgh of Dondie to be in reddynes betuix and Michaelmes nixt, vnder the pane of tuentie poundis, and the pairtie wairnit and nocht compearand to pay ane vnlaw of tuentie poundis to the pairtie keepand; and, in the meane tyme, suspendis the said burgh of Dondie fra all vptaking of the dewtie contenit in the said act maid at Kirkcaldy, and fra vsing of ony novatioun of customes vpoun the said burgh of Forfar, caution being fund in maner specifeit and contenit in the said act.

Hadingtoun
contra North-
bervik.
Missiue

25. The same day, anent the complaynt of the burgh of Hadingtoun aganis Northberuick, for raising ane novatioun vpoun thame, within thir sax or sevin outhkis, in vplifting of tua schillingis of ilk pack of woll and uther merchandise cumand to thair burgh, baith the saidis pairteis being present be their commissioneris, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis continewis the decyding of the said matter vnto the nixt generall conventioun, at the quhilk tyme thay ordane the pairtie defendand to compeir and ansuer to the said complaynt, sufficiently instructed with his rychtis and resounis, in the meane tyme suspending all vplifting of the saidis customes, etc. And the said commissioner of Hadingtoun is becum souertie for payment of the said cnstome, according to the iust inventar to be maid, incais the said defenderis rycht salbe fund mair valide nor the said burgh of Hadingtounis, and, incais of non productioun and compeirance, salbe decernit to ceis simpliciter in all tyme cuning; and this to be rememberit in the missiues.

Brint Iland.
Missiue

26. The same day, anent the ample supplicatioun gevin in be the commissioner of the burgh of Brint Iland, for licence to haue ane imposit and schoir leiwe within thair harbery for the space of nyne zeiris of all schippis arryueand to and fra the samyn, and for suspending of thair last

ordinances maid at Kirkcaldy anent the ankerrages and small customes, the saidis commissioneris continewis all ansuer geving to the said application to the nixt conventioun generall, at the quhilk tyme they ordane the haill commissioneris of burrowis to cum fullie instructed to give ansuer to the said supplicatioun, and the samyn to be rememberit in the missiues, exceptand alwayis the saidis ankerrages, anent the quhilkis the saidis commissioneris abydis be thair formar decreitt.

27. The same day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis ordanis ilk burgh that is awand ony pairtt of the extent of ane thousand poundis, granted at Edinburgh in Ianuar last, to mak thankfull payment of the samyn with the proffeitt thairto, to Iames Winrhame, agent, betuixe this and the tentt day of Iulij nixtto cum, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ten poundis to be vpliftit of the burgh failzeand.

Payment of the
taxatioun of
jm libris.
Charge agent.

28. The same day, anent the supplicatioun gevin in be the burgh of Craill, desyring that trauell may be tane with Iohnne Arnold, gudeman of Wodmylne, for disponing wnto thame of ane pece of ground adjacent to thair burgh, with thair libertie callit Pinkertoun, for founding and erecting of ane new harbery to thair toun, thay gevand the vtter avall of the said ground: the saidis commissioneris of burrowis ordanis the commissioneris of Dondie, Sanctandros, Coupar, Pettinweme, and Anstruther be west the burne, to trauell earnestlie with the said Iohnne Arnold for obtenyng fra him of the said ground, and that thay mak thair repointt heirvpoun to the commissioneris to be convenit to the parliament, that farther ordoure may be tane heiranent; and as to the suppoirt desyrit be the said burgh of Craill to the bying and bigging of the said harbery to the said burgh of Craill, continewis thair ansuer geving vnto thair nixt generall conventioun, at the quhilk tyme thay ordane the commissioneris of ilk burgh to cum sufficiently instructit to ansuer thairto, and the samyn to be rememberit in the missiues.

Craill. Missiue

xiiij^o Iunij 1593.

29. The quhilk day, the commissioneris of burrowis being convenit, findis that the alteratioun of the general taxt roll of burrowis is to expyre, and thairfoir ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioner fullie

Taxt rollis.
Missiues.

instructed to the next generall conventioun for ane new alteration to be maid of the saidis rollis, and this to be rememberit as ane special heid in the missiue to be direct to the nixt generall conventioun, quhaireuer it salhappin to be haldin.

Conseruatour.
Excyse beir.
Chairge Agent.

30. The same day, anent the heid and article gevin in be Iames Winrhame, agent, vpoun Maister Robert Dennalstoun, conseruatour of the Scottis privilegis in Flanderis, desyring the saidis commissioneris to cause the said Maister Robert to mak compt, reckonyng, and payment of the excyse of sax lastis beir and tua tunnis and ane half wyne, of the zeiris bygane, and to tak gud ordour for payment thair of in tyme cuming, and to geve in compt quhow the rest of the excyse beir in Flanderis is distribute, and this according to the actis of burrowis sett down heiranent of befor, and specially in the act maid at Edinburgh in October 1590, dewly intimett to the said Maister Robert, and according to the citatioun maid to the said Maister Robert to haue compeirit to that effect: The said Maister Robert, now being personally presentt, his resounis and allegatiounis hard and considerit, and thairwith being rypely aduysit, and saidis commissioneris of burrowis findis and delyueris that the said Conseruatour, be vertew of the acttis fairsaidis, is haldin to mak compt, reckonyng, and payment to the saidis burrowis of the excyse of sax lastis beir and tua tunnis and ane half wyne zeirly, and ilk zeir, for the space of tua zeiris and ane half bygane, to witt, fra Mertimes 1590 to Witsunday last, the said excyse zeirly extending to tuentie schillingis greitt ilk barrell beir, and fyue poundis greitt ilk tun wyne, the sowme of the said haill excyse, during the said space, extending the haill to tua hundreth alevin poundis fyue schillingis greitt, and in Scottis money, at fyue poundis Scottis ilk pound greitt, to the sowme of ane thousand fyftie sax poundis fyue schillingis Scottis; and thairfor ordanis the said Maister Robert to mak compt, reckonyng, and payment of the said sowme to the said Iames Winrhame, thair generall agent, to be furthcumand to the saidis burrowis; and siclyke ordanis him to give in to the said Iames the compte of the distributioun of the rest of the said excyse beir and wyne the saidis zeiris, extending zeirly to the excyse of ten last beir and tua tunnis and ane half wyne, to be sene and considerit be the saidis burrowis that further ordoure may be tane thairwith. Attoure the saidis commissioneris of burrowis ordanis the burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dondie, Lin-

lithquow, Kirkealdy, Hadingtoun, and Glasquow to send thair commissioneris fully instructed to convene at Edinburgh the auchtt day of Iulij nixtt, and thair to sett doun ane gude and substantiall ordoure for the payment and distributioun of the said excyse beir and wyne, frae the feist of Witsonday last bypast to Witsonday nixttocum, gevand thame or the maist pairtt of thame convenand full power and commissioun to that effect, and the burrowis nocht convenand to pay ane vnlaw of tuentie poundis. And ordanis the said Conseruatour, being personallie presentt, to compeir befor thame the said day and place, and resaue, vnderly, and fulfill sick ordoure and iniunctiounis as they sall geve to him concernyng the said excyse beir and wyne.

31. Item, anent the article givin in be the said Iames, agent fairsaid, ^{Conseruatour} ^{fie.} desyryng the Conseruatour to be dischairgit to tak ony dewtie of his natioun, transporting wyne or wairis outt of Danskyne, Burdeaulx, Scotland, or ony vther place quhatsumeuer, to Middilburgh, or ony pairtt in Flanderis, off ony vnstaipill gudis; and craueand redres and restitutioun of that quhilk is vpliftit, the saidis commissioneris, haueing hard and considerit the resounis and allegances proponit be the said Conseruatour, findis and delyueris that he auchtt nor sould haue na conseruatour fie of ony vnstaipill guidis bott of sick as cumis furch of Scotland to Campheir allanerly.

32. Item, anent the article gevin in be the said Iames, desyryng the ^{Conseruatour} ^{Commoun} ^{howssis.} said lord Conseruatour to cause tak gude ordour in tyme cuming with the factoures and commoun houssis in Campheir, of the selling of the beir and wyne, and quhow the natioun sould be honestlie intertanyit, the said lord Conseruatour wes content to do thairin as the saidis burrowis sould prescryue. The saidis Commissioneris of burrowis referris the ordour to be tane thairanent to the sevin burrowis abouementionatt, appoyntit to convene at Edinburgh the auchtt day of Iulij nixtt.

33. Item, anent the article gevin in be the said agentt desyryng the saidis ^{Conseruatour} ^{courts.} burrowis to sett doun ane resonable dewtie vpoun the halding of the said Conseruatouris courttis and extracting of his actis; efter conferrance haid with the said Conseruatour thairvpoun, findis that he auchtt to haue na extraordinar fie for halding of his courttis within the Campheir, becaus it is ane pairt of his office for the quhilk he hes his ordinar fie; and as to his clark, granttis to him fyue schillingis greitt for ilk decreit, and for

ane act of proces and extracting thair of tua schillingis greitt for his dewties.

Conseruatour,
aduocat fie.

34. Item, anent the article gevin in be the said generall agent aganis him for raising of ane dewtie of tuentie fyue schillingis greitt, to witt, xv s. thair of for the guidis, and xv s. for the schip, to be gevin to ane commoun aduocat in Middilburgh; the said lord Conseruatour declairit that thair wes only tane xv s. greitt of the haill, and that he haid noch meddilit thairwith sen be wes dischairgit be Edinburgh, and wes content to desist and ceis thairfra in tyme cuming, thairfoir the saidis commissioneris of burrowis dischairgit the said dewtie simpliciter.

Protestatioun,
conseruatour.

35. The same day, my lord Conseruatour protested that naithing done againis him in this presentt conventioun sould hurtt or preiuge him in his office and privilegis thair of, quhairin he and his predecessouris hes bene in vse and possessioun, and thairvpoun askit instrumentis.

Conseruatour,
Mure.

36. Item, anent the complaynt maid be Robert Mure, merchant and burges in Kirkcaldy, vpoun the said Conseruatour, for taking fra him in Apryle j^m v^c four scoir tuelff, of tua angill noibillis and tua crownes of the sone, wrangouslie, for nochtt haueing ane tickett of his burgeschip to schaw, and for staying him ten or tuelff dayis from delyuering his geir efter the selling thair of, and refusing simpliciter to accept ather cautioun or plege quhill he haid presentit his tickett, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis decernis and ordanis the said lord Conseruatour to refund and pay to the said Robert the said tua angill noibillis and tua crownes of the sone, deduceand the conseruatour fie gife ony be awin to him, becaus the said lord Conseruatour confessand the taking of the said gold, and allegand that the samin wes done for ane vnlaw for wannting of his coquett and non productioun of his tickett, it wes sufficiently tryit and verifieit to the saidis commissioneris of burrowis that the said Robertis guidis wes lauffully coquett, and that he was ane burges of the said burgh of Kirkcaldy.

Kingorne,
Kirkcaldy.

37. The same day, anent the complayntt gevin in befor thame be the burgh of Kingorne aganis Williame Kirkcaldy, thair conburges, for purchasing of lordschippis contrair the fredome of the burgh, and taking ane gift of the watter bailliery of thair hevin and poirtt of Pettycure, with ane impoist of xvjd. of ilk ferry boittis fraucht, and troubling of thame be the law, and thairfoir desyring the saidis burrowis to ordane them to call

him befor thame selues for discharging him of his libertie ; and secoundly, desyring the saidis burrowis to adiuge him in ane vnlaw of ane hundreth poundis, according to the acttis of thair conventioun for contravening thair of, the said burgh of Kingorne compeirand be thair commissioner, and the said William Kirkcaldy, being wairnit at his dwelling place to this day to haue ansuerit to the said complaynt, and nocht compeirand, the saidis commissioners of burrowis findis that the said burgh of Kingorne or ony vther burgh may convene thair burges in thair awn court for contravening thair aith and statuteis of the burgh ; and as to the second heid, ordanis the said Williame to be lafully varnit to compeir befor the commissioneris of burrowis in thair nixt generall conventioun, to ansuer thairto, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth poundis.

xv^o Iunij 1593.

38. The quhilk day, the commissioneris of burrowis fairsaidis ordanis James Winrhame, thair agent, to pay to Mariorie Rowane, the relict of vmquhile Williame M'Kartney, the sowmes awand to hir, mentionat in the act maid at Kirkcaldy, of the reddiest of the last extent of thrie hundreth poundis, nochtwithstanding of the prouisioun contenit in the said actt ; and siclyke to pay to George Swtie, commissioner of the burgh of Forfair, the sowme of fourtie poundis, alsua contenit in the said act. Attoure ordanis the haill burrowis quha hes nocht payit thair pairttis of the said extent of iij^o poundis, to pay the same to the said agent, betuix and the auchtt day of Iulij next, vnder the pane of ten poundis to ilk burgh failzeing.

39. The same day, efter lang resonyng vpoun the supplicatioun gevin in be the commissioner of Dunbartane, for ordoure to be tane be the saidis burrowis, thatt ane only forme of grammer wer vniuersally teichit in all the grammer scuiles of the saidis burrowis, the commissioneris of burrowis ordanis ane lettre to be direct to the ministrie of Edinburgh, and ane vther to the Presbiterie thair of, requesting of thame to tak ordoure for making and compleitting of the first and secund pairttis of grammer with expeditioun ; and gevis full powar and commissioun to Henry Charteris, merchant burges of Edinburch, to insist thairvpoun,

Precept, agent,
Rowane, For-
fare.

Dunbartane,
forme of gram-
mer. Missiue.

and craiwe ansuer thairof; and ordanis ilk burgh to direct thair commissioneris, fullie instructed to the nixt generall conventioun to ansuer to the said supplicatioun and desyr of Dunbartane concernyng the said only forme of grammer, and this to be rememberit in the missiues.

Conseruatour,
Cowane.

40. The same day, compeirit Maister Robert Dennalstoun, Conseruatour, and, of his awin consent, obleist him selff to pay to Walter Cowane, burges of Striveling, the sowme of tuentie thrie poundis greitt, Flemis money, at the leist samekle as is restand awand to him be the relict and executrice of vmquhile Robert Fyfe, factoure in Campheir, and that within foure monethis nixt heirefter.

Count Maw-
reis, Conserua-
tour, Factouris.
Missiue.

41. The same day, the said lord Conseruatoure producit tua lettres missiues, direct, the ane from Compte Moreis, and the vther from the towne of Campheir, concernyng the factouris of oure natioun, quha, nocht content with thair office of factourie, ar becum merchantis in byeing and selling to thair awin behuiffe, quhairby the merchantis of this realme ar greittly hurtt and preiugeit in the proffeitt of thair merchandise and wairis arryueand at Campheir. With the quhilk the saidis commissioneris of burrowis being aduyseit, findis that the saidis factouris auchtt and sould content thame selues with thair office of factourie, and thairfoir ordanis thame to desist and ceis fra all byeing and selling of ony Scottis wairis to thair awin behuiffe bott allanerly to the weill and proffeitt of thair merchandis, to quhome they ar subiect to mak compte thairof, vnder the pane of tynsall of thair said offices, and that my lord Conseruatour sie this presentt act and ordinance putt to dew executioun. And for geving of ony ansuer to the saidis tua letteris, quhilk thay haue ordanit to be registrat in this buke *ad futuram rei memoriam*, referris the making and pennyng thairof to the sevin burrowis appoynted to conuene at Edinburgh the auchtt day of Iulij next; and, in the letter to Campheir, willis thame to desyre ane augmentatioun of the nomber of excyse beir and wyne. And forther for the mair solide ordour to be haid concernyng the saidis factouris, ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioneris fullie instructed with the mynde and will of thair burgh, gif thay find it gud or nocht that ane of ilk burgh of this realme be elected, ane or ma, young men of gude qualiteis, for quhome the burch salbe haldin to ansuer, to pas to Campheir and exerce the office of factourie to thair natioun, ay and quhill thay be callit hame or

dischairgit, or els quhill thay be mareit, and in thir caices vtheris to be send in thair places ; and this to be rememberit in the missiues.

42. The same day, it is thocht expedient, statute, and ordanit that in all caussis of violent occupatioun within burgh, the pairtie decernit to remove sall pay to the obtener of the decreitt of removing, for ilk day that he hes wanutit the proffitt of his landis or houssis, the sowme of xxs., but preiudice alwayis of the executioun of the decreitt of removing ; and that ane article be gevin in heirupoun to the nixt parliament.

Statute, violent
occupatioun in
burgh.

43. The same day, anent the complayntt of the burch [of] Air aganis Iohnne Boyde, generall jedger, for neglecting of his office, and neurthel-les taking vp the dewteis thair of rigorouslie, ordanis him to be wairnit to the nixt generall conventioun to ansuer to the said complayntt, and the burrowis to cum fullie instructed to decyde thairanent, to be rememberit in the missiues.

Air contra
Boyde.

44. The same day, it is thocht expedient, statute and ordanit, for avoyding of greitt inconvenientis within burgh that the prouest, baillies, deane of gild, thesaurer, and counsall of ilk burgh be nocht chosin bott according to the acttis of parliament and statuteis of burrowis, and na vtherways ; and als that na commoun clarkis within burgh be elected and chosen for ony langer space nor induring the townes will allanerly, dischairging all electioun of the saidis clarkis for thair lyfety-
tymes as vse hes bene of befor ; and the burgh contravenand the premissis to pay ane vnlaw of fyue hundreth poundis to the remanent burrowis sa oft as thay failzie, and the persoun vottand in the contrair to tyne his friedome and that quhill he hes of the burgh ; and that nane within burgh purches vottis to ony office within the samin to thame selues vnder the pane of tynsall of thair friedome ; and siclyke that na induellaris within burgh presume to purches lordschippis or auctoriteis outwith the burgh, to witt, faouris and assistaunce of landit gentilmen, aganis thair magistratis and nichtbouris, or yet to advaunce thame selfis to ony offices within burgh, vnder the pane of tynsall of thair liberteis, and to be banischit the burgh be the magistratis thair of. Attoure that na burgh adnit or resane ony persoun to be thair burges in tyme cuming that is nocht ane actuall induellar thair of, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth poundis to the burrowis ; and quhair ony sic persounis ar alreddy admitit, that thay be callit and causit to cum and

Statute—
electing of
magistrats,
commoun
clerks, votes to
offices, lord-
schips purches-
sing, burgessis
making.

remane within the burgh or els depriyvet of thair libertie, vnder the pane foirsaid, and ilk burgh to repoirrt thair diligence heirvpoun in the next generall conventioun of burrowis, vnder the pane of tuentie poundis.

Cowpar, Sanct-
Androis, mettis
and mesouris.
Missiue.

45. The same day, ordanis the burghis of Coupar and Sanct Androis to reforme all wonntit abusis of thair mettis of pect and furlott, and to conforme the samyn to the stane of Linlithquow, according to the actis of parliament, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of fourtie poundis to be payit to the burrowis; and that ilk burgh within thame selves mak diligentt serching and seiking quhair ony sick abuse is and cause the samyn be reformit as said is, vnder the pane foirsaid, and to repoirrt thair diligence thairvpoun in writt, subscryueit be thair prouest and baillies or commoun clark, at the next conventioun generall, vnder the pane of tuentie poundis, and this to be rememberit in the missiues.

Anent thame
in burgh in-
iuret efter
expyring of
thair offices.

46. The same day, it is thocht expedient, statute and ordanit, quhan it sal happin ony persounis that hes borne office within burgh efter the expyreing thair of to be iniurit be his nichtbouris or vtheris for doing his lawfull dewtie in his office, that he meane himselff to the magistratis for the tyme, quhome thay ordane to ponische the offender and cause him mak satisfactioun to the pairtie greiuit; and quhair the offender duellis outwith the burgh that the said burgh and magistratis geve thair fortificatioun and maintenance to thair nichtbour offendit, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth poundis, to be payit to the burrowis be the saidis magistratis, being requyreit as said is and neglectand or refusand to do thair dewtie.

Dondie, Im-
post.

47. The same day, grantis thair gude will and consent to the burgh of Dondie to impetrat of our Souerane Lord ane gift for vplifting of euery tun of geir that cumis or pasis to or fra thair poirtt, quhair of the merchant sall pay xvjd. and the skipper viijd., and that for the space of thrie zeiris nixt heirefter following, provyding alwayis that all sclaittis and coillis be exemit from payment of the said impoist.

Statute pro-
ceeding in
Conventiounis.

48. The same day, it is thocht expedient, statute and ordanit, that at the begyning of ilk conventioun generall that the acttis of the conventioun last preceeding be red and persvitt, and compte tane of the executioun thair of, and that sick matteris thairin contenit as lyis ovir be first decydit, and quhair ony particular conventioun hes intervenit be

speciall commissioun or vtherwayis that the burch quhair the samin wes haldin mak adverteisment to the burgh of conventioun generall of thair proceedingis, and cause the matteris vndecydit to be rememberit in the generall missiues.

49. The same day, anent the supplicatioun gevin in befor thame be the burgh of Innerkeithing, craueing supportt to the reparatioun of thair harbery, ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioner fullie instructed at the nixt generall conventioun, quhaireuer it sal happin the same to be haldin, to geve ansuer thairto, and this to be rememberit in the missiues. In the meantyme the said burgh of Innerkeithing doing diligence to the advauncement of the wark according to thair powaris and schawand the comptis thair of at the said conventioun.

Innerkeithing,
reparation of
thair harbery.
Missiue.

50. The same day, gevis and disponis vnto the burgh of Brunt Iland thair half vnlaw of ten li., incurit be thame for non compeirance to this present conventioun in dew tyme, to be imployit vpoun the commoun wark of thair kirk.

Brunt Iland,
vnlaw disponet
to thame selfis.

51. The same day, anent the supplicatiounis gevin in be the burrowis of Northberuick, Dunbartane and Renfrow, craueing support of the burrowis to the reparatioun of thair harboreis and decayit places of thair townes respectiue, continewis all ansuer geving to the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis, quhairas thay ordane ilk burgh to send thair commissioneris fully instructid to that effect, and this to be rememberit in the missiues, etc. And forther, findis expedientt that ane article be gevin in to the nixt parliamentt craueing supportt of the haille realme to the decayit burrowis.

Northberuick.
Renfrow, craue-
ing support.
Dunbartane.
Missiue.

52. The same day, exemis the burghis of Forfair and Selkirk fra keeping of conventiounis for the space of thrie zeiris, provyding alwayis that thay at euery generall conventioun send thair missiue of ratificatioun with the burgh ewest vndispensit with, and alwayis gif the burrowis haue necessaris to do, and thay citat to compeir, thay salbe haldin to do the same, nochtwithstanding of this thair exemptioun.

Exemptio, For-
far, Selkirk.

53. The same day, dischairgis Thomas Kingzow, commissioner for Pittinweme, of the sowme of fyvetene poundis fyvetene schillingis of ane mair sowme restand be him to the burrowis of ane impoist, and ordainis the same to be allowit to Iames Winrhame in his comptis.

Procept, agent,
Kynzow.

54. The same day, it is thocht expedient, statute, and ordanit be the

Statute, vn-
lawis in burgh.

saidis commissioneris of burrowis with ane consent, that all and quhatsumeuer vnlawis quhilk sal happin to be vpliftit within burgh be the magistrattis thair of, or quhilk thay auchtt or sould vplift in tyme cuming, for quhatsumeuer caussis, salbe dedicate to the commoun vsis of the burgh, and zeirly comptt maid thair of amangis the rest of the commoun gude; and that nane presume to convert the samin to thair awin privatt vseis and commoditeis, vnder the pane of fourtie poundis, to be vptane of the magistratis contravenaris of this presentt ordinance, besyde the vnlaw of ane hundreth merkis to be tane of the burgh sufferand the same to be done, quhilk vnlawis ar to be payit to the saidis burrowis; and that the commissioneris at ilk conventioun generall mak repoyrtt of thair diligence in keiping this presentt ordinance inviolablie, vnder the pane of xx poundis.

Kirkcaldy
contra Brunt
Iland.

55. The same day, anent the complayntt of the burgh of Kirkcaldy aganis the burgh of Brunt Iland, for compelling of thame to tak in thair ballast, at ane full sea, and nocht suffering thame to tak ballast furth of ane veschell to ane vther, and als taking of dok-siluer and raising sindrie novatiounis, bayth the saidis burrowis being presentt be thair commissioneris, thair resounis hard and considerit, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis findis that ony schip may lawfully ballast out of ane vther, keipand the harbery cleane, and als thatt thay may tak the ballast quhair thay pleis, and thairfoir ordanis the said burgh of Brunt Iland to desist and ceis fra troubling and impeding the compleneris in maner foirsaid; and siclyke dischairgis thame of all taking of ony dok-siluer, or raising of ony novatiounis within thair harbery befor thay produce thair rychtis thair of befor the burrowis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of fourtie poundis. Quhairvnto the commissioner of Brunt Iland disasentit, and protestit for remeid.

xvj Iunij j^m v^c lxxxxiij^o

Statute, Com-
moun Register.

56. The quhilk day, the commissioneris of burrowis foirsaidis be thir presenttis concludis, decernis, and ordanis, that the principall and originall register buke of thair conventiounis salbe delyuerit to the commissioneris of the burgh of Edinburgh, off this presentt conventioun, to

be keipit be the toun of Edinburgh vnto the nixt conventioun of burrowis, and than to be delyuerit agane at the nixt conventioun, quhair-euer it salhappin the samin to be.

57. The same day, haiveand consideratioun of the lang service maid be Iohnne Guthre, generall clark of thair conventiounis, being now seik and diseasit, and that Maister Alexander Guthre his brother, quha hes supplieit his absence at this presentt conventioun, hes tane vpoun him to serue the burrowis in his place the tyme of his seiknes, according to the forme and actis sett down by the burrowis, for the expenssis contenit thairintill: Thairfoir the saidis commissioneris of burrawis continewis the said Iohnne in his office foirsaid to the nixt conventioun generall, and as for his stipend for the zeir tocum, ordanis the same to be payit be the burrowis at the said conventioun generall, ilk aue for thair awin paittis, in cais na extent intervene in the meane tyme, in the quhilk caice thay ordane the same be eikit incais ony extent be sett down, and this to be rememberit in the missiues, and to cum instructit quhat ordour salbe tane concernyng the electioun of thair clark in tyme cuming, and the burgh nochtt bringand the said Iohnnes stipend to pay ane vnlaw of ten li. to the burrowis.

58. The same day, for resonabill consideratiounis moveing thame, remittit and dischairgis the vnlaw of tuentie lib. to the toun of Elgene, incurit be thame for thair non compeirance to this presentt conventioun.

59. The same day, decernis the burrowis of Kirkcudbrycht, Dumfreis, Banff, Brechene, Aberbrothok, Nairne, Quthorne, and Culane, euery ane of thame, for non paymentt of Iohnne Guthreis stipend at this presentt conventioun, conforme to the act maid att Kirkcaldy thairanent, in ane vnlaw of tuentie poundis; and ordanis Iames Winrhame, agent, to raise lettres for ingetting thairof vpoun the burrowis expenssis.

60. The same day, etc., decernis the burrowis of Irrowyne and Innerness, euery ane of thame, in ane vnlaw of tuentie poundis, for non paymentt of Iohnne Guthreis stipend, conforme to the act maid at Kirkcaldy thairanent; neuirtheles in consideratioun that the commissioner of Air hes payit for Irrowyne, and the Commissioner of Sanct Androis etc., for Innernes, they remitt and dischairge the saidis vnlawis.

61. The same day, etc., decernis and ordanis Thomas Kingzow, commissioner for Pittinweme, to pay to Iames Guthre, clark of Montrois, for

his service at the conventioun haldin thairat, the sowme of threttie sevin poundis fyve schillingis, betuix this and the feist of Mertimes nixtt; provyding incais the said Thomas pay the sowme of sevintene poundis fyve schillingis betuix this and the sevint day of October nixt, than the said Thomas to be frie of the said xxxvij li. v s., vtherwayis nocht bott that he be astrictit to pay the same principall sowme.

Nixt generall
conventioun.

Prayer in the
end of ilk
conventioun

62. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis hes ap-
poyntit and appoynttis the nixt generall conventioun to be and begyn
at the burgh of Streveling the xxvij^o day of Iunij nixtocum in the zeir
of God j^m v^c four scoir fourtene zeiris; and ordanis the commissioneris of
the said burgh to mak lauffull aduerteismentt of the samin to the magis-
tratis thair of, and that thay cause lauffull varnyng to be maid to the
remanent burrowis be thair missiues to compeir the said day and place
to vott and conclude in all matteris to be proponit thairatt, and specially
vpoun the heidis ordanit to be rememberit in the saidis missiues and to
be insertt in the samyn, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of tuentie poundis
for ilk burgh absentt. And thairefter the saidis commissioneris of bur-
rawis causit the prayer vnderwritin to be maid and red, and quhilk thay
ordanit to be registratt in this buke, and vsit at the end of all generall
conventiounis, off the quhilk the tennour followis:—We man confes, O
Lord, that we haif fund thi presens in sum mesure amangis ws at this
tyme, and in ane greitter mesure suld we haif fund it war nocht oure
synnis and ingratitude stayes the cours of thi gudnes. Lord forgif ws
oure slaknes and negligent handling of this wark, cover oure imperfec-
tiounis and manyfawld inlaikes in ws with the coverture of thi mercy in
Chryst. We thank the, and we craif hairts to thank the, for thi assist-
ance at this tyme, beseiking the mair and mair to inabill ws be thi
Spreitt to this wark, in sic sort that als oft as we convene for this turne
we may find the growth of thi Spreitt in ws. Bles oure King and Queynis
Maisteis with a happie government; suppres the rebellis and thairis
in this cuntrey; quenche this commoun fyre of civill seditioun; estab-
leis the trone of thi Sone Chryst, demoleische the trone of the Antechryst
euery quhair, and cheiflie in this cuntrey. And fynallie Lord, gif ws
grace to pas the cours of this oure pilgramage heir in thi feir, that heir-
after we may dwell with the for euir in that glorie that Chryste hes
purchest to ws be his pretious deyth, to quhome, thairfore, with the and

the Haly Ghaist, be all prayse, honoure, and glorie, for euir and euir.
Amen.

63. The same day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis hes assignit ^{Assignatio} and assignis to Henry Young, clark of this burgh, the vnlaw of the burgh ^{Young, Brecheins} of Brechene for thair absence from this presentt conventioun, extending ^{vnlaw} to the sowme of xx li., and that for his service at this presentt conventioun; and ordanis Iames Winrhame, agent, to cause him be ansuerit thair of.

64. The sam day, ordanis Iames Wynrame, agent, of his awin consent, ^{Precept, Agent,} to pay Iohnn Guthre his stipend awand of the rediest of the sowmes ^{Guthre.} pertening to the burrowes and beand in his handis etc., and the said Iames to gif in his compt of his diligence and intronissounis at the nixt conventioun.

65. The same day, assignis to Iohnne Cuthbert, mariner in Kirkcaldy, ^{Precept Agent,} for his supportt of his presentt necessitie, the vnlaw of the burgh of ^{Cudbert.} Dumfreis, incurit be thame for thair non comperaunce to this presentt conventioun, extending to the sowme of tuentie poundis, and ordanis Iames Winrhame agent to cause him be ansuerit thair of.

Ihone Lathreysk, Moderatour	Io ⁿ . Steweinsoun, for Peblis
Iohne Robertsons	Ihone Symson, for Brunteland
R. Flescher, commissioner for Dundie	M. Eduard Galbraith
Dauid Watsons	Mr. Iohne Cheyne, commissioner for Aberdein
G. Durie, commissioner for Innerkething.	Mr. Iames Wischert, for Montros
Ihone Iameson, for Cowper	Daved Boswell
Robert Pattone, for Dunfermling	Walter Cowan, for Sterling
William Wilkin	Andro Ker
W. Somervill, for Renfrew.	Thomas Kingzow
I. Wilsoune	George Cochran, commissioner of Air
Thomas Lauder, for North Berwick.	Mr. Ihone Wemis, commissioner for Dysert
Robert Clapin, wyth my hand	Wm. Conynghame, for Dunbartane
Iames Scott, for Selkirk	
Andro Meluill, for Anstruther be wast the burn	

Robert Adame, commissioner of Glasquow, and George Swttie commissioner of Forfar be Maister Alexander Guthre at our command, because we cannot writt our selffis. Ita est M. Alexander Guthre notarius publicus ac scriba dicte conventionis in premissis de mandato dicte personarum scribere nescientes vt affirmerunt testat ac mea subscriptione manualibus

A. GUTHRE

Ihone Douglas

Ihone Hacket for Kyrkcaldy

The copy of the Lettre sent be the Burrowes to the toun of Campheir mentionat in the Act of this last Conventioun.

A Messieurs Messieurs les Deputez des Villes d' Escosse.

MESSEIGNEURS,—Nous auons trouué expédient et nécessaire pour l'arrangement augmentatioun et conseruation du libérté trafficque et commerce de la nation de Escossoise et vostre ville remonstrer avos seigneuries que de toute ancienneté les merchands de ce pays sont accoustemez en grand nombre frequenter vostre ville pour en achepter de la dicte nation toutes marchandises et denreez arriuans icy du Royalme d' Escosse parquoy les dictes marchandises denreez monterent a grand priz à l'auantage et proffict de la dicte nation Dont la même nation est à present frustré à cause que factoures de la dicte nation demourans en ceste ville se sont auanchez depuis quelque temps en ça et s'anacent encores journellement (pardessus leur factorie ordinaire) d'acheter et leur approprier tous les dictes marchandises et denrees si cost qu'ilz arriuent en ceste ville tellement que les merchans de pardeça ne peuuent jamais venir en temps pour en achepter de marchandises des marchans Escossois porquoy les marchans de pardesa ayans et a bon droict prenans occasion de ne plus frequenter icy au moins pas en si grand nombre comme ilz souloyent (à nostre grand regret et intéiést) les dictes factoures ont moyen d'acheter et leur approprier les marchandises de leurs maîtres à petit priz Jouissant ainsi le proffict et gain que leurs maîtres aultrement pouloyent et deburoyent jouir contre tout bon ordre de factorie et directement contre le contract fait entre nous et la dicte nation par lequele ilz jouyssent tant des preu-

ileges franchises libertez et autres grand auantages et d'auttant que telle contrauention et tout ce que dessus tende et reconde non seulement au grande dammage et preiudice du dict libre trafficque et commerce en ceste ville et par consequence de dicts marchans de pardeça et nos bourgeois mais aussi mêmes au grand desauantage et intérêt des marchans Escossois. Prions bien affectueusement qu'il plaise à vos seigneuries de mettre ordre que les dictes facteurs de cy en auant ilz n'ayent à s'entremetter ou s'entremester que de leur factorie sans y conioindre aucun train de marchandise en trafficque de leur propre auttant que touche l'estaple de leur nation ou autrement qu'ilz soyent tenuz et subiectz à tous frais despens et charges comme les naturelz bourgeois et autres habitans du ceste ville, parquel moyen la dicte trafficque et commerce viendra areches a florie à l'auantage de la dicte nation aussy de son extrémitié comme Marquiz de ceste ville et de nous qui debuons supporter tant de frais et despens pour l'entre tennement de la dicte nation en leur susdictes franchises libertés et autres grand aduantaiges qui sera l'endroit au apres nous auoir recom-mendez bien affectueusement aux bonnes graces de voz seigneuries prions le tout puissant vous

Messeigneurs donner en sante vie bonne heureuse et longue. Escripte la ville de Campher le xv de Maij 1593.

De voz, seigneuries

Les bien affectiounez Bourgmeistes et Eschennis de la ville de Campher
De vos.

FOLLOWES the Lettre direct be Count Maureis be the saidis Burrowes mentionit in the said Act.

Messieurs, Messieurs les Deputes des Villes du Royaume de Escosse.

MESSIEURS,—Ayant de tout temps assez cognu combien vous affectionnez l'amitié et bonne correspondence des subiectz et habitans du royaume d'Escosse auecq ceulx des Provinces Vnies de ce Pays Bas, et le desir que vous auez tousiours eu a ce que l'entre cours de la traffique d'entre les subiectz et marchans Escossois et ceulx de pardeça pousse auoir et continuer son train libre et accoustumé principallement en ma ville de Campher en Zelande suiuant mêmes les traictés

et accordes sur cecy deuant faicts et passés, C'est cause que je ne veulx obmettre de vous dire comme j'ay esté presentement occasion ne de faire par mes lettres entendre au Serenissime Roy d'Escosse les plaincts et doleances que les Borgmestre et aultres du magistrats de ma dicte ville de Campher m'ont faict de la contrauentioun dont en la dicte ville auroit depuis quelques années en ça dicte vse au regard du libre traffique et commerce des biens denrees et marchandises accoustumées illeuq arriuer d'Escosse et ce a cause de maniers et façons de fair invsitées et cy deuant non accoustumées ny ouyes dont les facteurs de la nation Escossoise residens en ma ville sudicte ont depuis aucun temps en ça procede et procedent journellement à l'endroit, l'achapter des denrees et marchandises venans de Escosse ainsy que je l'escrrips plus amplement à Sa Maiestie et luy en sera encores plus particulièrement représenté par lettres du magistrat de ma dicte ville. Que me gurdera d'en faire en joy redite seulement vous prieray Messieurs qu' apres auoir sonde le fond de cest affaire metans en bonne consideration le grand prejudice intérêt et dommage que non seulement les merchans de pardeça mais aussy les subiects de Sa Maiestie maistres des dictes factours viendroient au courir et endurer en cas que les dictes facteurs continuent à achapter et s' approprier à eulx les biens et marchandises de leurs maîtres venans d'Escosse à l'estaple de Campher vous vueilles tenir la bonne maine vers Sa Maiestie a fin que son bon plaisir soit d'y ordonner et disposer ainsy que pour le bien de ses subiects pour la continuation de la traffique et négociation entre iceulx et les marchans de pardeça et l'entretement des accords et traictes cy-deuant faicts et passés entre les subiects de Sa Maiestie et le magistrat du dicte Campher sa dicte Maiestie trouuer à convenir deuant les facteurs susdictes d'aultant moins d'occasion d'exceder le termes de susdictes accordz et traitez veu les priueleges exemptions franchaises etantres grands aduantages dont en vertu d'iceulx ilz jouissent estants ce pendant les bourgeois et aultres mes subiects au dicte Campher tenez de porter toutes les charges y . Qui sera l'endroit auquel vous presentant bien affectueuses recommandatiouns en vos bonnes graces je suppliera Dieu vous conseruer

Messieurs, longuement en tout bon heur et prosperité,

Lescript au Camp deuant Geertray Denberghe le iij^{me} de Maij 1593.

Vostre tres affectionné à vous faire service.

MAURICE DE NASSEN.

In the Conventioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the burch of Edinburgh, the nynt of Iulij, the zeir of God I^m V^c foure scoir threttein, and continewand to the day of the said moneth of Iulij, quhilk wes before and in the tyme of Parlament haldin at the said burch, and for the effairis thairof; Comperit the persounis vnderwrittin as Commissioneris of the Burrowis following, that is to say :

Edinburgh, Ihonn Robertsoun, Eduard Galbrayth ; Perth, Iames Drummond, Olipher Young ; Dundie, Patrick Lyoun ; Abirdene, Thomas Meynzeis ; Stirling, Arthour Bruce ; Glasquow, Iames Stewart ; Air, George Cochraine ; Lynlythqow, Androw Ker ; Montrose, Maister Iames Wyschert ; Haddingtoun, Ihonn Wilsoun ; Kingorne, William Cyninghame ; Irewyne, Hew Scott ; Selkirk, Iames Scott ; Forfare, Ihone Traill ; Lanerk, William Wilkyne ; Kirkcaldy, Ihonn Hacquett ; Dysert, Williame Carmichail ; Sanctandreis, Daud Watsoun ; Innerkething, William Blaikburne ; Craill, Ihonn Mathesoun ; Cowper, Iames Andersoun ; Peblis, Ihonn Stevinsoun ; Anstruther Eister, Robert Clapen ; Pittinweyme, Nicolas Strang ; Ruglein, Ihonn Riddell ; Innernes, Ihonn Cudbert ; Brunt Iland, Androw Wilsoun ; Culros, George Bruce ;

xiiij^o Iulij 1593.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris foresaidis being convenet, George Bruce commissioner of the burch of Culros wes content and consentet to pay to Roger Maknacht, merchant burges of Edinburch, the sowmes quhilk the said burch is extentet for the Kingis Grace wyne and customes, quhairto the said Roger is collectour, nochtwithstanding the sam wes sett before thair admissioun in ane frie burch ; and the saidis commissioneris in consideratioun thair of remittis and dischairges vnto the said burch thair pairt of Adam Fullertounis extent.

Agent,
Conseruatour.

The sam day, ordanis Iames Wynrame, agent, to tak cawtioun of Maister Robert Danielstoun, conseruetour, for obseruing the burrowes decreitt gevin at Dysart and fulfilling thair of, anent the excyse beir and wyne of thre zeiris bygane, and for keiping the act maid at the said conventioun concerning his conseruatour fie of vnstapill guidis, that he sall tak na mair nor is iniocynet him,

Agent, Inner-
nes.

The sam day, dischairges Iames Wynraime, agent, fra vptaking of the twa vnlawes of Innernes at the last conventioun vnto the nixt generall conventioun, provyding that the said burch in the meyne tyme desist fra the vptaking of the excyse boll of mentionat in ane act of the said last convention, to the quhilk Ihonn Cudbert, commissioner of the said burch, agreit and consentit.

xvj^o Iulij 1593.

Agent,
Sowmes bor-
rowet fra him.

The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowes convenit to this present parliament, grantis and confessis thame to haif borrowet and resauet fra Iames Wynrame, thair agent, vpoun proffeitt, the sowme of aucht scoir poundis money, bestowet be thame for the weill of the haill burrowes of this realme for the avancement of thair effaires in this present parliament, quhilk sowme thai faythfullie bind and obleis thame to delyuer to the said Iames in Edinburch fourtein dayes preceding Mairtymes nixtt, and becaus it wald exceid the said sowm to collect the sam throw the haill realme, thay bynd and obleis thame and thair burchis, failzeand to send thair pairtis of the said sowme thankfullie to the said Iames, the day foresaid, to pay to the said Iames with thair pairtis of the said sowme the vnlaw of twenty pundis money, and also decernis the burrowis absent in the sam sowme of vnlaw failzeing to pay thair pairtis the day foresaid, beand lawfullie aduerteist heirof, and that the said Iames rayse lettres of horning for compelling the saidis burrowis heirto gif neid beis.

xvij^o Iulij 1593.

Lynlythqw.
Licence of ane
impoist.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris of burrowes foirsaidis wer content

and consentet that the burch of Lynlythquow sall haif and purchases of oure Souerane Lord ane gift of ane impoist or dewtie of twa schillingis, to be tayne of ilk cairt passand alangis thair brig, to be imployet for support of thair brig and mending the fuird, and this gift to indure for the spacie of fyve zeir allanerlie.

The sam day, the commissioneris of burrowes fairsaidis wer content and consentit that the burch of Abirdene obtene of our Souerane Lord and thre Estatis of parliament, ane taxatioun to be vpliftet of the Schrefdomes of Abirdene and Bamf, to be imployet vpoun the repaying of the Brig of Don.

The same day, the burchis following ar vnlawit for non payment of thair pairtis of thre thowsand pundis according to thair awin consentis to the act maid at Dysard, viz. :—The burrowis of Jedburgh, Sanct Androis, Kyngorne, Pettinweme, and Selkirk, ilk ane of thame in the sowme of ten pundis, to be vpliftit be the said James Wynrame, agent, provyding gif the saidis burrowis payis befor thair depairting of this burch to be frie of the saidis vnlawis.

Eduard Galbraith.

Iohne Iackson for Renfrew.

An. Vilsoune.

Ioⁿ. Stewensoun.

I. Traill.

Hew Scott.

Thomas Kingzow.

W. Carmichall.

Iohne Robertstone.

Olipher Young, balye.

I. Andersone.

A. Ker.

Dauid Watsoune.

Robart Clapin.

Johne Hacket.

Dauid Wand.

Apud Edinburgh xx^o Iulij 1593.

THE QUHILK DAY, the hail commissionaris of burrowis on the vther syd subscriueand, haveand hard and considerit the actis, following pennit in paper becaus thai war nocht to remane, being weill content thairwith ordainit the same to be buikit off the quhilkis the tenour followis :—

The quhilk day, the commissionaris of burrowis convenit to this present

parliament, being in conference with my lord conseruatour of syndrie commoun affairis belonging to thair estait, and he allegeand that he had gude richt to vplift his conseruatour fie of all vnstapill gudes cumand to ony pairtis of Flanderis, quibilk he offerit to produce and verifie befoir thame, and thai nocht being of mynd to preiuge him in his rychtis any way: Thairfoir gevis power and commissioun to the burrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Glasquow, Striviling, Sanct Androis, Dysard, and Lynlythqu, to convene in the said burgh of Edinburgh vpoun aduerteisment, and viseit his rychtis quhatsumeuir concerning his conseruatour fie of vnstapill gudis, and thairvpone to decerne and conclude according to equitie and gude conscience, and the burch faylzeand to pay ane vnlaw of xx lib; and the said lord conseruatour wes content and consentit to send for his buikis concerning the said matter and to produce thame befoir the saidis burrowis to be tryet by thame as accordis.

And lykwayis, anent the mater of the excyse of beir and wyne in Campheir, gevis power and commissioun to the burrowis aboue mentionat to convene at Edinburgh and decyde thairin vpoun aduerteisment; and my lord conseruatour wes content to report vnto thame the will and mynd of the toun of Campheir thairanent, that the saidis burrowis mycht the better tak ordour with the same.

*At Edinburgh the second day of Nouember the zeir of God
j^m v^c lxxxxij^o.*

Excyse beir
and wyne.

Factoures in
Campheir.

The quibilk day, the commissioneris of burrowes vnderwritten, that is to say: for Edinburgh, Henry Nesbet, Edward Galbrayth; for Perth, Adame Andersoun; for Dnndie, Iohnn Fynlawsoun; for Glasquow, Robert Rowatt; for Sanctandrois, Daudid Watsoun; for Dysart, William Carmichael; being convenit at the said burgh to intreatt and conclude vpoun the materis of the excyse beir and wyne and of the conseruatouris fie, conform to the power and commissioun gevin to thame be the remanent

burrowes, be ane act maid at Edinburgh the xx day of Iulij last, with ane act maid at the generall conventioun at Dysart,—my lord conseruatour being present,—after lang consideratioun and ressoning had with him and amang thame selffis anent the said mater of the excyse bere and wyne, the saidis commissioneris for the maist pairt hes votet, condiscendet, and agreit, that the said excyse beir and wyne sall be distributed amangs the factouris and commoun howssis in the toun of Campheir, for the ressett and intertenement of the merchantis of oure natioun repaying to the staipill thair, be my lord conseruatour, with avyse of ane commissioner of Edinburgh, haiffand power to that effect, with ane commissioner of Dundie and Sanct Ihonestoun, incais thai be thair for the tyme, haiffand lykewayes commissioun thairto, with this provisioun and conditioun alwayes, that the saidis factoures and commoun howssis sall be subiect to ease the merchantis trafficquand and repayrand within the said toun of Campheir vpoun sic pryces for thair meltethis as sall be agreit be the avyse of the said lord conseruatoure and commissioner, be ressoun the saidis factoures and commoun howssis hes the excyse fre for the natioun's caus ; and this ordoure to stand and continew quhill the nixt conventioun of burrowes generall, and for the saidis commissioneris opinioun thay offer to gif in the saidis factoures and commoun howssis be the merchant ludgeit thairin for thair denner, haiffand guid and sufficient intertenement, (gif thai pleis to dyne) fyve stwires drink and Inglis beir, and for his supper, candill, and bed, sevin stwiris, and gif thai sall drink ony wyne to pay for it excyse frie, quhill is estemit abowt the thrid penny down : and incais the saidis merchantis and trafficqueris haif desyre to drink at morne, afternone, or efter supper, vpoun discreitt moderatioun, to haif the samyn excyse frie, and nane of the saidis factoures or commoun howssis to haif any pairt of the excyse beir and wyne except he agrie to the conditiounis aboue writtin.

Als thai fynd it expedient and ordanis, that my lord conseruatour and commissioneris passand to Campheir sall travell to get ane augmentation of the excyse beir. Augmentatioun of the excyse beir.

and commissioneris passand to Campheir sall travell to get ane augmentation of aucht last mair of beir, excyse frie, or mair and les as thai can obtene, becaus the quantitie grantet is nocht habill to serue the natioun.

Item, anent my lord conseruatoures fie of vnstaipil guidis cumand to ony pairtis of Flanderis, for dyuers guid and resonabill caussis moving Conseruatouris fie.

thame, fyndis it maist expedient to remitt, and be thir presentis remittis, the samyn to the decesioun of the generall conventioun of burrowes.

Eduard Galbreith.
Io. Findlasoun.
Dauid Watsoune.

Henry Nisbett.
Adam Andersoun, commissioner
for Perth.
W. Carmichaell.

Stirling.

In the Generall Conventioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the burgh of Stirling the xxvij of Iunij, the zeir of God I^m v^e foure scoir fourtene zeiris, Comperit the Commissioneris of Burrowis vnderwrittin, and producet thair particulare commissiounis following, That is to say :

Edinburgh, Henry Charteris, Eduard Galbrayth ; Perth, James Adamesoun ; Innerkething, George Dury ; Kingorne, Androw Broun ; Stirling, Anthone Bruce, Dauid Forester ; Linlythquow, Androw Ker ; Dumbartane, Robert Watsoun ; Renfrow, William Ranfrow ; Ruglein, Walter Fairie ; Air, George Cochrairie ; Irrewyne, Niniane Barclay ; Glasquow, Thomas Mure, Maister Henry Gibosoun ; Kirkeudbright, Iohnn^d Mekill ; Wigtoun, William Makgowne ; Quhythorne, James Makcall ; Lanerk, William Mowatt ; Jedburgh, Thomas Henrysoun ; Selkirk, be thair missiue presentet be Dumfreis ; Peblis, Patrick Vaitche ; Haddingtoun, Ihonn Wilsoun ; North Bervik, Thomas Lawder ; Drumfreis, Harbert Raynie ; Abirdene, Alexander Forbes ; Dundie, William Duncane ; Bamf, Alexander Currou ; Dumfermeling, William Pratus ; Craill, Iohnn Makkesoun ; Forfare, be thair missiue presentet be Montrose ; Brechane, Thomas Wyzets ; Montrose, William Mvrray ; Elgeyn, Alexander Annand ; Arbroth, be thair ratificatioun presentet be ; Sanct Androis,

Maister David Auchmowtie ; Cowper, James Andersoun ; Culane, be thair missiue presentet be Bamf ; Forres, be thair missiue presentet be Edinburgh ; Kirkcaldy, Ihonn Hakkett ; Pittinweyme, Ihonn Corsaw ; Bruntland, Ihonn Symson ; Anstruther Eister, Ihonn Anstruther ; Anstruther Wester, Androw Meluile ; Culros, George Bruce ; Kilraynie, Robert Strang ; Lawder, William Pringell ; Dunbar, William Kellie ; Dysart, Ihonn Lvmisdaill ; Rosay, James Stewart.

1. The quhilk day, the commissioneris foresaids electet, creat, and constetute Anthone Bruce, commissioner first nominat in the commissioun of this present burgh of Stirling, thair moderatour during the tyme of this present conventioun, conforme to the actis maid thairanent.

Election of
Moderatour.

2. The sam day, the commissioneris foresaids dispensand with the defectiouns and imperfectionis of certane commissiouns of burrowes product before thame, for the present statutes and ordanis, for the better ordoure and formalitie to be obseruet heirafter, that na commissioun of any burgh, at the generall or particulare conventiouns, be admittet and resauet without the sam be formallie maid and gevin vnder the autentik seill of the toun, and subscryuet be the prouest and baillies, or be thair commoun clerk, and that all burrowes exemit caus be product be the commissioneris of the nixt burgh the act of thair exemptioun, togidder with thair missiue of ratificatioun, attentiklie subscryuet as said is ; and quha sa dois in the contrair heirof to be comptet as absent and vnlawet, and ilk burgh to be aduertist heirof in the generall missiue of the nixt conventioun that thai pretend na ignorance.

Statute anent
commissiounis
and missiues
of ratificatioun.
Missiue.

3. The sam day, appoyntis and affixes the houres of thair conventioun within the Tolbuith of this burgh, induring the twa dayes to rin of this present publict fast, to be and begyn at alleuin houris before none, and to continew quhill the second bell of the afternone sermone ; and thair meittings fra thyne furth, induring this present conventioun, to be at ten houres before none, and to continew quhill fyve houres at evin, and the commissioneris absent at the precise houre to pay ane vnlaw of half ane merk but fawoure.

Houres of con-
uentioun.]

4. The sam day, comperit secretare to oure Souerane Lord, and declayret that he wes direct frome his Maiestie to the saidis commissioneris to schaw vnto thame that his grace having to provyde for the honorabill intertenement of the forayne imbassadouris that ar to repair within the realme to

Kingis Grace
desyre for
spyce and
wyne to the
bankotis.

the baptisme of the Prynce, and considerand that the generall taxatioun can nocht be haistelic inbrocht as the necessitie requyres, the barrouns and gentilmen hes willinglie agreit to gif and furneis to the bankets ky, oxin, scheip, wyld meitt, and sum syluer wark; and thairfore desyret the saidis burrowes, for schawing thair guid will and affectioun to his Maiesteis honoure and service, to furneis liberallie the spyce and wyne to the saidis bankets. With the quhilk the saids commissionares being avyset, after thai had schawin to his lordschip that thai had na power or commissioun of thair burghs to bring any burdein vpoun thame, at lenth agreit and ordanet that ilk commissioner at his returning sall mak his burgh aduertist heirof, and desyre thame to send thair ansuer in writt to the provest, baillies, and counsall of the burgh of Edinburgh agane the fyftein day of Iulij nixt, that the said provest and baillies may report the same to his Maiestie.

Vnlawing the
burrowes ab-
sent.

5. The sam day, Ihonn Mvschett, commoun clerk of Stirling, verefeyet the lawfull directioun of the missiues and citatioun of the burrowes to this present conventioun, and fyndis that he hes done his diligence, and that the burrowes vnderwrittin, and euery one of thame, for thair contumacie, hes incurret the payne and vnlaw of twenty pund: that ar to say,

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xxviiij^o Iunij j^m v^c lxxxxiiij.

Lvmisdail,
agent, Wynes.

6. The quhilk day, the commissioneris foresaidis beand convenit, comperit Ihonn Lvmisdail, commissioner and burges of the burgh of Dysart, and acted, band, and oblist himself, his aires, executouris and assignayes, to content and pay to Iames Wynrame, generall agent, in name of the burrowes, the sowme of sex scoir aucht pund allevin schillingis, restand awand be the said burgh of Dysart of thair pairt of the last taxatioun of the wyne and customes, betuix and the first day of August mixttocum, togidder with the sowme of fourty pund as for the expenssis, damage, and entres liquedat, and agreit vpoun be consent of the said Ihoun, incais he failzie in payment of the said principall sowme at the day foresaid.

Rowpping
commoun
guids.

7. The sam day, anent that heid of the generall missiue concerning the rowpping of the commoun guidis, and perambulatioun of the merchies of

commoun lands of burrowes, at lenth specifeit in the sext act of the last conventioun, the saidis commissionaris, except the burrowis following, having producet and schawin thair diligence in writt thairvpoun, it is fund that the burgh of Innerkething hes nocht done thair exact diligence in putting thair commoun guid to the best awaill, conform to the actis of parliamene and statutes of burrowes, be ressoun that sen the act of Sanctandrois thay haif sett ane nynetein zeir tak of certane thair commoun lands and maid na augmentatioun of thair rentale, and thairfore hes ad- iudgeit and adiudgeis the said burgh in ane vnlaw of twenty pund to be peyet to Iames Wynrame, agent, in name of the saids burrowes; and ordains the burghes of Ruglein, Kirkudbright, Renfrew, Wigtoun, to schaw and produce, at the nixt generall conventioun, mair sufficient diligence anent the rowpping of thair commoun guid and perambuling thair mairches, in writt, vnder the payne of twenty pund ilk burgh, and to be aduertist heiroyf in the missiue.

Innerkething
vnlawet.

Ruglein, Ren-
frew, Wigtoun,
Kirkudbright,
Missiues.

8. The samyn day, the saids commissioners of burrowes ratefeis and approvis the acts and statutes made at Sanctandrois in Aprile, anno 1589, and at Montrose in Iunij 1591, anent the rowpping of commoun lands and perambuling the merchies [of] burrowes; and for the better declara- tioun and executioun thairrof, of new statutes and ordanis, that the customes, fyscheings, mylnes, mylne lands, and arabill lands pertening to any burgh be sett in tyme cuming be sett to fremen, inhabitants of the burghes, and berand burding within the sam, and thair subtennents of na hiear degreis nor thamselffis, and to na others, and that for the zeiris following allanerlie, to witt:—the customes of burrowes to be rowppet zeirlie; the mylnes, mylne lands, and fyscheings for thre zeiris; and the lands alreddy mannret and putt to the vttermest proffeitt for fyve zeiris, and for na langer spaices; and this vnder the payne and vnlaw of fourty pund, to be payet be ilk burgh contravenand this present ordinance to the commissioneris of burrowes, and thair agent in thar names, zeirlie, at ilk generall conventioun, swa lang as the taks sett for ma zeiris nor is ex- pressit in this present act and statute sall happin to stand and indure; and that tryell may be tayne of the keipping of this act at ilk conventioun generall, ordanes euery burgh to mak thair report thairrof, and this to be rememberit in the missiues zeirlie; and as concerning the waist landis of burrowis, fyndis that ilk burgh may sett the samyn in few or lang taks as the burgh to quhom the sam pertenis plesis, to thair best weill.

Statute. Lett-
ing of common
guids.
Missiue.

Protestatio,
Air.

The samyn day, George Cochraïne, commissioner of Air, protested that the act before writtin suld nocht be preiudiciall to thair burgh anent thair ancient custome of setting in rentall of thair commoun landis of the barony of Allay, and thairvpoun asket acts and instruments.

Anent the
small customes
of burrowis.
Missiue.

9. The samyn day, anent that heid of the missiue, contenit in the sevint act of the last conventioun, for reporting the consuetude and richtis quhairby ilk burgh taks vp thair small customes, burgh fra burgh, and quhat is the quantity thair of, fyndis that the burgh of Edinburgh hes bene ordanet at dyuers conventiouns, bayth of awld and of laitt, to produce thair custome rolles and hes nocht done the samyn as zitt, and thairfore ordanes the said burgh, zitt of as before, to exhibit and produce before the commissioners of burrowes, at their nixt generall conventioun, the extract of thair custome rolles within thair burgh and at thair port of Leyth, attentiklie subscriuet, vnder the payne of ane vnlaw of twenty pund; and Henry Charteris and Edward Galbrayth, commissioners of the said burgh, tuik protestatioun that thai, in name of the said burgh, offerit the sicht thair of to any persoun that pleset, havand commissioun thairto of his burgh, and dissentit to the said penalty; and the saids commissioners of burrowes in the meynetye continewes the decisioun of that mater vnto thair nixt general conventioun, and ordains ilk burgh to bring and produce thair richtis and titles thairto as of before, and this to be remem-berit in the missiue.

Cowper contra
Pittinweyme
and An-
struthers.

10. The sam day, anent the complaynt of Cowper aganis Pettinweyme and Anstruther Eister and Wester, for trubling of thame in exacting of certane small customes, as is contenit in the missiue and sevint act of the last conventioun, the commissioners of the said burghis beand all present, the saids commissioner of Cowper past fra the perswitt of Pittinweyme *pro loco et tempore, salva actione*; and the saids commissioners of burrowes continewes the decisioun of the said complaynt to thair nixt generall conventioun, and ordains the saids burghes of Anstruther Eister and Wester to bring and produce thair richts and titles to the said conventioun, under the payne of xx li., and suspendes thame fra all vptaking of the said customes in the meynetye, dischairgeing thame thair of vnder the payne foresaid, and Anstruther protestet in the contrair and Anstruther Wester siclyk.

11. The sam day, anent the complaynt of Pittinweyme contra Innernes,

mentionat in the said missiue and contenit in the aucht act of the last Pittinweyme
contra Inner-
nes. Missiue.
conventioun, continewes the decisioun thair of vnto thair nixt generall
conventioun, and ordaines the said burgh of Innernes to be of new wairnit
to ansuer thairto, suspending thame in the meynetyne fra all vptaking of
the excyse boll mentionat in the said act.

12. The samyn day, anent the complaynt of Lanerk aganes Glasquow, Lanerk contra
Glasquow.
for vplifting ane laydillfull of euery laid victuall, and ane neiffull of ilk
wecht of woll specifeit in the said missiue and act of the last
conventioun, the commissioners of bayth the said burrowes being present,
Maister Henry Gibsoun, commissioner of Glasquow, producet ane decreitt
of the Lords of Counsall and Sessioun, be the quhilk it is fund that the
said burgh hes guid richt to vplift the said laydillfull of ilk laid victuall,
and thairfore the saids commissioners of burrowes, assolzeis thame simpli-
citer fra that pairt of the said complaynt; and as to the rest, he producet
his allegiance in writt, bering in effect that the said burgh hes bein [in]
vse and possessioun of vptaking and resaving of the said neiffull of woll,
without trubill or impediment, past memoure of man, as the said alle-
geance, delyuerit to him agane, at lenth beyris; quhilk the said burrowes
fynds relevant and thairfore admittes the samyn to his probatioun and hes
assignet to him the day of , in thair nixt generall
conventioun, for preving thair of *partibus apud acta citatis*.

13. The sam day, Maister William Makgowne, commissioner of Wig- Wigtoun,
Makgowne,
commission-
are.
toun, and commoun clerk thair of, beand callet and desyret to schaw the
diligence of the said burgh in rowpping and setting of thair commoun guid
to the best avall, and in perambling thair mairches, conform to the actis
of burrowes, producet na diligence thairanent; and thairafter comperit
Ihonn Hannay, burges of the said burgh, and gaif in his complaynt for
himself and the remanent nichtbours of the said burgh, aganis the said
Maister William, and aganis William Gordoun, Robert Dalzell, Ihonn
Edzear, Rolland Thomesoun, burgessis of the said burgh, for disposing of
certane thair commoun lands to the hurt and preiudice of the burgh, and
for vereficatioun thair of producet ane instrument of sesing of the samyn
maid and gevin to , upoun ane precept of sesing
contenit in the end of the few chaitour of the samyn, and the said instru-
ment vnder the note and subscriptioun of of the
daitt the day of proportions; and siclyke producet the

lawfull citatioun of the saidis persouns to compeir before the saids commissioners the xxvij of this instant to ansuer to his complaynt,—quha being callet, nane comperit except the said Maister William. Quhilk instrument of sesing beand red to the said Maister William, and he ansuerand to the said complaynt, confest and grantet that he had sub-scryvet the few chairtour of the lands mentionat in the said instrument at command of the laird of Carleis, provest, and ane of the baillies, and that thai commandet him to do the samyn in the name of the community and counsall, and that thair wes na act of counsall maid thairvpoun, quhairvpoun the said Ihonn Hannay asket actis and instrumentis, and the said Maister William protestet that nathing to be done or procedet be the said commissioners aganis the said Robert Dalzell, William Gordoun, Ihonn Edzear, Rolland Thomesoun, suld be preiudiciall to him or to the laird of Carleis.

Makgowne,
commissioner,
dischairget.

14. The sam day, the said commissioners, in respect of the protestatiouns and oppositiouns maid be Maister William Makgowne, to the preiudice of the burrowes, and of his insufficiencie and inhabilitie, dischairget him of thair society, and of all bering of commissioun amangis the burrowes in tyme cuming, and ordanet Iames Makcullo, commissioner of Wigtoun, to intymy the samyn to the burgh of Wigtoun, and in thair names to dischairge the said burgh to send him in commissioun for thame heir-after.

xxix Iunij j^m v^c lxxxxiiij.

Glasquow, Air,
Irewyng, Dun-
bartane, contra
Kirkcudbright.

15. The quhilk day, the commissioners foresaids being convenet, anent the complaynt of Air, Glasquow, Irewyng, and Dunbartane, aganis the burgh of Kirkcudbright, for vplifting fra thame of the custom of foure bolles greitt salt, land mesure, of ilk schip and bark arryvand in thair harbery, as at lenth is contenit in the nynt act of the last conventioun at Dysart, bayth the saidis parteis beand present; the said commissioner of Kirkcudbright producet his ansuer in writt to the said complaynt, to the quhilk the compleners ansueret be writt vpoun the bak thairof; and the saidis commissioners of burrowes beand advyset thairwith thay admitted the said exceptioun to the said defenders probatioun, specially quhair it is

allegeit that thai ar and hes bene in vse of vplifting of the said custome of the quantity foresaid fra friemen of burrowes, and assignes to thame the twenty sevin day of Iunij nixttocum, in the nixt conventioun generall at Perth, for preving thairof; and the saids compleners at the desyre of the pairty gaif thair ayth *de calumnia* that thai haif just caus to deny the said exceptioun; and the saids commissioneris with consent of the said commissioner of Kirkcudbright, defender, ordanes the said burgh of Kirkcudbright to refund the said custome swa far as thai sall get fra the daitt heiroy, incais thai succumb in preving the said exceptioun.

16. The sam day, anent the complaynt of Innernes, Elgein, Forres, Innernes, Elgein, Forres Pittinweyme, Anstruthers Eister and Wester aganis the burgh of Pittinweyme, Anstruthers, contra Abirdene. Abirdene, for taking ane excyse boll of greitt salt of all boitis and crearis arryvand in thair port, and ane boll of salt of Sanct Nicolas mett, as is contenit in the xiiij act of the last conventioun, the commissioners of Elgein, Pittinweyme, and bayth the Anstruthers on the ane pairt, and the commissioner of Abirdene on the other pairt, beand present, and the rest of the persewers beand absent,—the commissioner of Elgein past fra his perswitt. The said commissioner of Abirdene, ansuerand to the said complaynt, allegeit, as to the Sanct Nicollas mett, that thai tak the sam of thair awin nichtbouris onelie and of nā otheris, and thairfore the saids commissioners decernes the said burgh, of consent of the said commissioner, to desist and ceiss fra vplifting of the same fra the said compleneris in tyme cuming; and as to the excyse boll, he offerit him to preif sufficiently that the said burgh hes bene in vse and possessioun peacebill thairof past memour of man of all frie burrowes; quhilk allegiance thai referrit to his probatioun, and assignes to him the xxviij day of Iunii nixt to cum, in the nixt generall conventioun, quhair the sam sall happin to be affixet, for preving thairof; and the said commissioner of Abirdene is becum souerty to refund the said custome fra the daitt heiroy to the saids compleners incais he succumb in preving the said allegiance, and bayth the saids parties ar wayrnet *apud acta*.

17. The sam day, the commissioners of the burghes of Innerkething Innerkething Culros. and Culros, takand the burding vpoun thame for thair said burrowes, submitted all contraverseis betuix thame to the amicabill decisioun of the commissioners of the burghis of Sanctandrois, Linlythquow, Dundie, Cowper, or maist pairt of thame, promesand to abyde at thair decreitt but

reclamatioun. Quhilkis arbiters acceptet the said mater with consent of the commissioners of burrows, quha ordanet thame to decyde thairin before the dissolving of this present conventioun, and the party reclamand to pay j^c li., the ane half to the burrowes, and the other half to his party

Vnfremen,
Suburbs.

Missiue.

18. The sam day, it is thocht expedient and ordanet that ilk burgh sall, at the nixt conventioun generall, quhaireuir the sam sall happin to be set, produce and schaw forder diligence in putting to executioun, every ane within thair awn bounds, of the act of parliament maid in Iunij 1592 aganes vnfrie trafficque and the crafts in suburbs, and this to be ane heid of the generall missiue.

Alteratioun of
the taxt Roll.

19. The sam day, the saidis commissioneris hes electet, creatt, and constitute, and be thir presents electis, creates, and constitutes, the persouns underwrittin thair commissioners for alteratioun of the generall extent roll of burrowes, gevand thame thair full power and commissioun thairto, and promesand to hald ferme and stabill: that is to say, Henry Chairteris, commissioner of Edinburgh; James Adamsoun, commissioner of Perth; William Duneane, commissioner of Dundie; Alexander Forbes, commissiounare of Abirdein; David Forester, commissiounar of Stirling; Ihonn Hacquet, commissioner of Kirkcaldy; Maister David Auchinowty, commissioner of Sanctandrois; Harbert Raynie, commissioner of Dumfreis; George Cochraine, commissioner of Air; quhilk persouns acceptet the sam in and vpoun thame, and gaif thair aythis for setting thairof trewlie and lawfull, but feid or favour, according to thair conscience and knowledge; and the saidis commissioners of burrowes ratefeyes the act maid at Montrose aganis thame that sall happin to protest or repyne aganis the determinatioun of the saidis persouns appointit to sitt vpoun the alteratioun of the said extent roll, with the penalties contenit in the said act, to be vpliftet with rigour vpoun the brekkares thairof.

Peblis; licence
to depairt.

20. The sam day, the saidis commissioneris grantis and gevis licence to the commissioner of Peblis to depairt before the dissolving of this present conventioun, for the vrgent caussis and necissaris schawin be him, quha be thir presents ratefyis and appreis all things done or to be done in this present conventioun.

Dundie, For-
fare. Missiue.

21. The sam day, the commissionares of Dundie and Forfare submittis all contraverseis betuix thame, zitt as of before, to the amicabill decisioun

of the burrowes mentionatt in the act maid thairvpoun at Kirkcaldy, in all things as is contenit in the sail act, and in the act maid at Dysart, and hes appointet and affixet thair meting to be at Dundie vpoun the premonitioun of aucht dayes, to be made be the burgh of Forfare to the burgh of Dondie, and the pairtes nocht convenand to pay to the pairteis convenand the vnlawes mentionat in the said acts; and in the meyne tyme the saidis commissioneares of burrowis suspendis the said burgh of Dundie fra all vptaking of the dewty contenit in the said act at Kirkcaldy, and fra all vsing of novatiouns vpoun the said burgh of Forfare, cawtioun beand fund in maner specefeit in the said act; and in cais the said mater be nocht agreit be the saidis arbiters the commissioneares ordanis bayth the pairteis to compeir, sufficientlie instructet to ansuer to vtheris complaynts, at the nixt conventioun, and this to be ane heid of the generall missiue.

Primo Iulij, j^m v^c lxxxxiiij^o.

22. The quhillk day, the commissioneris foresaids being convenit, anent ^{Exemptio} the supplicatioun gevin in before thame for the pairt of the burgh of Dumbartane, ^{Dunbartane.} desyring the said burgh to the exemit fra conventiouns of burrowes for the spaice of thre zeir; the saids commissioners being advyset thairwith, in respect of thair povertie, grantit thair desyre, vpoun the conditiouns contenit in the former acts maid anent exemptiouns.

23. The sam day, anent the complaynt of the burgh of Dumbartane ^{Dunbartane,} aganis the burgh of Glasquow, for resaving of vnfriemen and regratouris, ^{Glasquow.} and for suffering thame to haif tredd within thair burgh, to the hurt of the preveleges of Dunbartane, the commissioners ordanis the said burgh ^{Missiue.} of Dunbartane to preife thair biill and to report to the nixt conventioun the names of the vnfriemen quhom vpoun thair compleyne, and this to be heid of the nixt missiue.

24. The same day, anent that pairt of the last missiue twicheing the ^{Mets. Mesures.} productioun of diligence done in the vniformety of mets and mesures, ^{Missiue.} conform to the 45 act of the last conventioun of Dysart,—the saids commissioners beand advyset thairwith, ordanet swa mony of the burrowes as satisfieit nocht the act to produce thair diligence sufficientlie done betuix

the dait heirof and the tuentie aucht day of Iunie nixttocum, in thair nixt conventioun generall, with ane attestatioun of the clerk of Lynlythquow vpoun thair ressaith of the iust mesoure of furlett, pek, and half pek, vnder the payne of xx li. and ordanes the said burgh of Lynlythquow to delyuer to ilk burgh desyrand the samyn ane iust furlett, with twa bands and ane croce band in the boddum of irne, with pek and half pek without irne, thay payand onelie sex pund thairfore, and this to be rememberit in the general missiue.

Turreff.
Missiue.

25. The sam day, anent the supplicatioun gevin in be the toun of Turreff, desyryng to be inrolled amangs the number of frie burrowes, the said commissioners ordanis thame to produce thair erectioun at the nixt conventioun generall, and the burghis of Abirdene and Banff to be wairnet for thair entres to ansuer thairto, and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Impost, Brunt
Haud.

26. The sam day, anent the supplicatioun gevin in before thame be the commissioner of the burgh of Bruntland, schawand of the necessitie and decay of thair harbery, and thairfore desyryng licence to purches and haif ane impost for bigging and repayring thair of,—the saids commissioneris, being advyset thairwith, grantis and gevis licence to the said burgh to impetratt and purches ane gift for vptaking and resaving of euery twn of geir, laid vpoun thair schoir to be schippet and to pas to ony forayne cuntrey, and of euery twn of geir that sall happin to cum fra forayne natiouns and lose vpoun thair schoir, twelf penneis, and for ilk chalder victuall that sall happin to be schippet, ather be boitt or layet vpoun the schoir to be transportet furth of the country, threttie twa penneis (and the hunder); and this licence and gift for the spaice of thrie zeiris allanerlie to indure, with prouissioun alsua that it sall nocht be lesum to the said burgh to vptak or resauie any impoist for na kynd of geir cumand to thair toun or schoir or fra thair schoir or harbery, ather be boitt or vtherwayes, to ony pairt within the realm, nather trubill nor molest nane that transports any kynd of geir ower the watter or otherwayes within this realme as said is, except the that passis furth of the cuntrey in maner foresaid, and at the ische of the saidis thre zeiris sall mak compt to the saids commissioners at their first conventioun thairafter of thair resaving and employing thair of, and sall nocht vplift the same na langer nor the saids thre zeiris, vnder the payne of ane hunder pund, to be payet to the saids burrowes.

27. The sam day, Ihonn Wilsoun, commissioner for the burgh of Haddingtoun, protested that quhatsumeuir richt or prevelege the saidis commissioners suld happin to grant and consent to in favouris of the burgh of Northbervik, that the samyn suld nocht be preuidiciall to the said burgh of Haddingtoun, and thairvpoun asket acts and instruments.

Protestatio
Haddingtoun.

Secundo Julij j^m v^c lxxxxiiij^o.

28. The quhilk day, the commissioners foresaids being convenit, Iames Wynrame, agent, acted band and oblist himselff as souerty and principall dettoure for Iames Stewart, commissioner of the burgh of Rosay, to content and pay to Henry Chairteris, commissioner of Edinburgh, the sowme of ten pund restand awand to him be the said burgh of Rosay, of ane taxation of the wyne and customes, betuix this and Andermes nixtocum, and als quhatsumeuir sowmes the said burgh is restand awand to Roger Maknacht, burges of Edinburgh, as collectour of the last extent of the burrowes for the wyne, and of thair extent for Adam Fullertoun, or that thai ar awand to the burrowes for any caus bygane, to mak thankfull payment thair of betuix and the said day; and the said Iames Stewart oblist himselff to pay to the said Iames Wynrame the said sowmes for his releif at the said day, and gif he failzeis to pay to the burrowes the sawme of fourty pund.

Charteris,
Rosay, agent,
Maknacht.

29. The sam day, the saids commissioners of burrowes hes exemit, and be thir presents exemis, the burrowes vnderwrittin fra all generall conventionis for the space of thre zeiris nixtocum,—that is to say: the burgh of Kilraynie fra all conventionis be north Dundie, be west Stirling and be Edinburgh; Dunbar and Northbervik from beyond Dundie and be west Stirling; Elgein from be sowth Tay; Lawder from beyond Forth; Ruglein siclyke; Nairne fra be sowth Tay; Renfrew be north Forth; Bamf, Rosay, Qubithorne, frome all conventionis induring the said spaice; provyding alwayes that thai send to ilk conventioun, with the commissioner of the nixt burgh, thair attentik lettre of ratificatioun of all things done in the said conventionis, togidder with all sowmes that it sall happin thame to be restand awand for the tyme to the burrowes for clerkis fles, agent fles, or any other caus, otherwayes to be vnlawet as

Exemptionis
of Kilraynie,
Dunbar,
Northbervik,
Elgein, Law-
der, Ruglein,
Nairne, Ren-
frew, Bamf,
Rosay, Qubit-
horne.

absents; and that the expensis quhilk thair canmissioners might haif coist thame be bestowet vpoun thair brigs, harberis, tolbuithis, kirks, or other maist necessar commoun warks, and compt to be gevin thair of to the burrowes at the end of the said exemptiouns, vnder the payne of ane vnlaw of xl li.

Brechein,
impost.

30. The sam day, grantis and gevis licence to the burgh of Brechein to impetratt of our Souerane Lord the gift of ane imposit to be tayne at thair brig of sowth Esk watter for repaying of the decayet places thair of, —that is to say: of ilk horse laid of merchandice and woll passand the said brig foure penneis, of ilk futeman haiffand ane burding of merchandice twa penneis, and of ilk kairt that passis the brig aucht penneis; and that for the spaice of thre zeiris fra the daitt thair of; provyding alwayes that the said burgh mak compt zeirly to the burghis of Dondie and Montrose of the collecting and fruitfull bestowing thair of, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li. to be payet to the said burrowes swa oft as thai failzie.

Craill, impost.

31. The sam day, anent the supplicatioun gevin in before thame be Iohn Makkesoun, commissioner of the burgh of Craill, in name of the prouest, baillies, counsall, and community thair of, aganis craving ane taxatioun to be imposet vpoun the burrowes of this realme to the support of the bying and bigging of ane new harbery to the said burgh; the commissionares of burrowes efter advysement thairwith, fand the effect of the said supplicatioun to be maist resonabill, bot becaus nather wer the saids commissionares instructed be thair particulare burrowes to condiscend to ane taxatioun, nor zitt haif thai will to induce sic ane preparatiue among thameselfs, thairfore the saids commissionares hes remittet the said supplicatioun and effect thair of to be presentet in name of the said burgh to the prouest, baillies, and counsall of ilk burgh within this realme particularelie, and desyres in that maner that the said burgh of Craill may be liberallie supported to the performance of the said wark, and ordanis the commissioners present at this conventioun to mak thair burghis weill informet of the necessitie heirof; and siclyke the saids commissionares, for better support of the said wark hes gevin full power and liberty to the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsall of Craill to purches our Souerane Lords gifts for vplifting be thameselfes or thair factouris in thair names from the persoun or persouns quhatsumeuir resorting to the harbery of Craill, byares and lossares of schips, creares, or boits, or laiding thair of thairin,

of the guidis vnderwrittin, the sowmes of money after specifeit, viz., of ilk last heyring fyve schillings, of ilk tun wyne fyve schillings, ilk chalder salt ij d, ilk last takill fyve schillings, ilk last lint v s, ilk last hemp iij s, ilk last oyle vj s viij d, ilk chalder victuall passand of the cuntrey vj s viij d, and remayning within the cuntrey xxxij d, ilk last pik or tar iij s, ilk thowsand salt fysche vj s viij d, ilk thowsand dry fysche iij d ; item, of ilk hunder of all kynd of tymmer ane ; and this for all the dayes, spaice, and zeiris of sevin zeiris after the daitt heirof, and ordanis the said burgh to appoynt ane speciall collectoure for vplifting of the said exactiouns, and that at the zeirle conventioun of burrowes thai mak compt thairof and of the bestowing of the samyn, provyding alwayes thay bye the said new harbery, and enter in haist to the bigging thairof, and incais the said prouest and baillies desist frome expeditioun of the said wark thai sall be haldin to refund to the burrowes agent, in name of the said burrowes, the sowmes as sall happin to be gevin to thame be ony of the saidis burrowes be liberality, togidder with the exactiouns vplifted be thame be vertew of the said gift, to be furthcumand to the burrowes, and the said gift to be null thairefter.

32. The sam day, the saids commissioners grantis and gevis licence to the burgh of Northbervik to impetrat of oure Souerane Lord ane gift of the imposts following to the reparatioun of thair decayet harbery : That is to say, of ilk last hering arryving within thair harbery fyve schillings, of ilk twyn wyne fyve s., ilk chalder salt ij s., ilk last taikill v s., ilk last lynt v s., ilk last hemp iij s., ilk last oylie vj s. viij d., ilk chalder victuall passand of the cuntrey vj s. viij d., and remayning within the cuntrey xxxij d., ilk last pik or tar iij s., ilk thawsand salt fysche vj s. viij d., ilk thowsand dry fysche iij s., item of ilk hunder of all kynd tymmer ane, and be tane of ilk stayne of woll of vnfriemen ij d., and of fremen j d., and the quantity of the burding or laid to be estemit vpoun the conscience of the awner ; and this licence to indure for the space of fyve zeir, provyding alwayes that thai mak compt to the burrowes zeirle at their generall conventioun of the imployment thairof.

33. The sam day, the saids commissionares gevis full power aud commissioun to the prouest, baillies, and counsall of the burgh of Edinburgh, or sic of thair toun or number as thai sall depute, vnsuspect, to confer with my lord conseruatour vpoun the mater of augmentatioun

quhilk the saids commissioneares wald haif grantet to the said conseruatour of his dewteis, and vpoun the heids quhilk the saids burrowes requyres of him thairfore, at lenth specifeit and contenit in ane act quhilk the saidis commissioneris hes cawset pen thairvpoun, and to perfyitt and end the samyn in thair names, keippand alwayes the substance of the said act and na wayes altering the meyning thair of, as it wes pennit before the margening and skoiring out, maid be the said conseruatour, and ordanis the present commissioneares of the said burgh to requyre the said provest, baillies, and counsall to accept the said mater vpoun thame, and to perfyte the samyn betuix this and the xx day of Iulij instant, that all variance betuix the said burrowes and the said conseruatour may tak ane end, and in cais it sall happin thame to agrie with him thairanent, in that caise the saids commissioners, than as now and now as than, grantis and disponis vnto the said lord conseruataur ane dewty of ane schilling greitt, to be vpliftit be him of ilk barrell of the excyse beir, grantet be the toun of Campheir to the natioun, and this induring the will of the saids burrowes allanerlie; as alsua thai be thir presents suspendis in that caise all executioun of the decreit gevin aganis the said lord conseruatour at Dysart for compt, rekning, and payment to the saids burrowes of the pryce of certane excyse beir and wyne, quhill the nixt generall conventioun, and incais the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall and thair deputs can nocht agrie with him the saids commissioneares ordanis Iames Wynrame, thair agent, to insist in defence of the actioun betuix the burrowes and the said conseruatour, and to persew him for all things the said burrowes may lay to his chairge, and that vpoun the commoun expenssis of the saids burrowes, quhilk expenssis thai ordanes the said Iames to mak and deburse, and gif neid beis to borrow money vpoun proffeitt, and thai sall caus the sam to be refoundet to him vpoun compt and rekning, with all other sowmes alreddy deburset be him in defence of the said caus.

Agent.

Factouris in
Campheir.

34. The sam day, anent the act maid at the last conventioun of Dysart, concerning the factouris of Campheir vsand merchandice, the saids commissioneares ratefeyis and appreis the samyn, and ordanis my lord conseruatour to caus the samyn to be putt to executioun in all poynts, and to report his sufficient diligence thairvpoun be himself or any others in his name to thair nixt generall conventioun, vnder the payne of twenty pund, Flemys, to be payet to the saids burrowes, and that thair generall clerk

delyuer to him ane extract thair of and of this present ordinance that he pretend na ignorance ; and anent the last pairt of the said act, for sending furth of ilk burgh ane or ma zounge men, for quhom the burgh sall ansuer, to be factouris for ane certane spaice, the saidis commissionares of burrowes fyndis and declayres, and for thameselffis agreis and consents, that ilk burgh that plesis sall and may send ane qualefeyet persoun of thair toun to that effect, provyding alwayes that thai be first presentet to the saids burrowes in thair conventioun generall to be tryet and lyket of be thame, and to resaue sic instructiouns as thai sall inioyne, and the burgh to be actet in the conventioun buikis as souerteis for his intromissioun and for doing his dewty.

35. The sam day, anent the ordour to be tayne with the excyse beir ^{Excysobeir and wyne.} and wyne, the saids commissioners of burrowes ordanes the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Stirling, Lynlithquow, or ony thre of thame, to direct thair commissioners fullie instructet to convene at Edinburgh the first day of August nixtocum, and thair, in name of the saids burrowes, to elect ane sufficient and responsall persoun to be direct in thair names toward the Campheir, with speciall power and commissioun to intromet with the haill excyse beir and wyne in tyme cūing, begynnand at Lambes nixtt, and of the first and reddiest to reteyne and keip the foure scoir pund greit zeirlie, to be imployet at the directioun of the burrowes to ane minister for the natioun, and to haif ane resonabill stipend for his paynes at the modificatioun of the saids fyve burrowes or ony thre of thame convenand, quha sall alsua tak ordour for distributioun of the rest and superplus thair of, and to tak cawtioun of the said persoun for his intromissioun and diligence, and for making compt thair of zeirlie to the commissioners of burrowes zeirlie ; for doing of the quhilkis premissis the saids commissioners of burrowes gevis thair full power and commissioun to the saids burghis, or ony thre of thame convenand as said is, ordaning thair present commissioners to intymy this present act to thair saidis burghis and caus the samyn tak effect, as alsua ordanis the agent to direct missiues to the saidis fyve burrowes wayrning thame to convene thairupoun.

36. The samyn day, ratefeyis and appreis the acts maid of before for ^{Minister in Campheir.} establisching ane minister to serue the natioun in the toun of Campheir, and ordanis the samyn to tak effect in all poynts, gevand power and commissioun to the burgh of Edinburgh, with ayvse of the Presbitery thair of, to

fynd owt the persoun that sall be ane minister at Campheir and to agrie with him fynallie thairvpoun, and generallie to do all things thairinto that the saids burrowes nicht do thameselffs.

Anent the for-
faltet lords.

37. The sam day, comperit Maister William Erskyne, persoun of Campsy, and seruitour to his Maiestie, and Maister Patrik Symson, minister of this burgh, and exponet and declayret that the King's Maiestie, for the zeale and airnest affectioun he beyris to the advancement and establisshing of the throne of Chryst within this his grace realm intendis to prosecute be actioun the sentence of forefature laitlie pronunceit in parliament aganis William, sumtyme Erle Angus, George, sumtyme Erle Huntly, Frances, sumtyme Erle Erroll, and Schir Patrik Gordoun, sumtyme of Auchindoun, knycht, declayrit enemeis to the trew rellegioun, his hienes estaitt, croun, and this haill natioun, and be his Grace lettres direct to the Presbitery of Stirling hes declayret his grace will thairanent, and desyret the said Presbitery to notifie the sam to all his grace lieges and to steir and prepair thair harts to be in reddynes to be employet in swa acceptabill ane wark, as the said lettre, publictlye red, at mair lenth propors; and thairfore thai requyret the saids burrowes, and euery ane of thame in particulare, that as his Maiesty hes begun this maist godly wark that thai wald be in full reddynes with resolute and willing mynds to be employet vpoun his hienes aduertisement in swa acceptabill ane wark; with the quhilk the saids commissioners of burrowes being avyset, thay all in ane voitt but discrepancies hes voittet and agreit, and be thir presents avowes, bynds thameselffs, and promesies that vpoun his Maiesties dew aduertisement to the prouest baillies and counsall of thair burgh, thay sall concur and assist with his hienes to thair vttermest power in persecuting of the saids coniurit enemeis to Chryst his maiesty and realm, as it becumis thame to do, and as his Maiestie sall pleis to command thame or thair ranks amangs the rest of his grace trew and faythfull lieges, and quhatsumeuir freyndschip sail be vtterit in favouris of the saidis apostats within thair burghis thay sall accept it as enimity aganes thame and pvneis the doares thair of with all extremety of law, and also promesies that gif any of the saidis apostats sall be fund within thair burghis that incontinent thairafter thai sall be apprehendet and presented to his Maiesteis iustice, wyscheing at God that his Maiesty nicht proceid in suppressing the saidis enemeis to God's glory with sic celerity as the caus requyres, and as the zeall and affectioun of the saidis commissionaires is inclynet thairto,

quhairby thair wicket and ingodlie devyses nicht be preventet, and the godlie intention of his Maiestie and the ministrie fullie satisfeyit, and to the end that nane pretend ignorance heirof, the saids commissioners ordanis thir presents to be publist at the market croces of euery burgh within this realme.

Tertio Iulij j^m v^o lxxxxiiij^o.

38. The quhilk day, the commissionares foresaids beand convenit, ^{Innerkething, Culross.} vnderstanding that the provest, baillies, and counsall of the burgh of Innerkething, in contrair the acts of parliament, lawes and statutes of burrowes, hes set thair commoun lands to sindry particulare inhabitants far within the availl, and sum sett for xix zeir taks, to the greitt hurtt of the said burgh, thairfore the saids commissionaires of burrowes ordanes George Dury, commissioner of the said burgh, vnder the payne of xx li., to aduerteis the provest, baillies, and counsall thairof to rayse summondis of reduction of the said taks before the Lordis, and to insist in perswitt thairof with all diligence, begynnand the sam before the rysing of the sessioun, vnder the payne of ane vnlaw of ane hunder pund, to be vpliftet be the burrowes agent within xl dayes nixt heirafter gif thai failzie within the said spaice, and the said agent after the ressait thairof to se the sam bestowet vpoun the harbery of the said burgh, or ellis that thai caus the said takismen, for augmentatioun of thair dewty, to pay to thame the sowme of twa hunder pund, to be bestowet be the said provest and baillies and counsall vpoun the said harbery, togidder with the sowme of xx li. vnlaw incurret be thame at this present conventioun, quhilk the saidis burrowes dispones vnto thame to that effect, and that the said burgh mak compt to the burrowes at the nixt conventioun generall of the employment of the saidis sowmes in maner foresaid vnder the payne of xx li.

39. The sam day, the saidis commissioneris [vnderstanding] that quhair ^{For restraynt of transporting burne coill.} burnecoill is deyliie transportet furth of the realme, contrair the acts of parliament, and to the greitt hurt of the lieges, the said coill decayand and growand skant daylie, and the cuntrey apperand to be destitute of fewall in schort spaice, thairfore thai ordanes the provest and baillies within ilk burgh to putt the acts of parliament maid thairanent to scherp executioun, and vse the office of serchery within thair bounds, vnder the payne of ane vnlaw of twenty pund to be payet to the burrowes be thame

- that sall be fund negligent heirin, and that thai suffer na frieman to purches any licence for transporting thairof, and sic as dois the sam that thai discharge thame of thair fredome and caus thame pay ane vnlaw of xx li. swa oft as thai failzie, and that thai set furth publict proclamatioun thairvpoun throw thair burgh, and als that ilk commissioner report at the nixt generall conventioun the diligence of thair burgh in doing heiroyf under the payne foresaid; attour the saids commissionares for the better restraynt of the said coilles, be thir presents grantis vnto my lord conseruatour ane dewty of twenty foure stwires of euery sek of coilles that sall happin to arryve within the Law Cuntreyes, quhiddel thai pertene to frie or vnfrie, and quhiddel thai haif licence or want the same, and this without preiudice of the said conseruatour to escheitt the said coilles quhair he may lawfully do the samyn; siclyke thai ordayne the collectour that sall happin to be nominat for vplifting of the excyse beir and wyne to tak and haif the dewty of ane thowsand wecht of euery schip of fourty twyn and aboue, arryvand in the Law Cuntreys with coilles, and sex hunder wecht of euery schip within the said xl twyn, to be gevin to the ministers hous that sall be placet in the Campheir, and that the said collectour mak zeirlie compt heiroyf to the burrowes.
- Conseruatour
Minister at
Campheir.

Impoist of
coilles.
- Protestatio
Dysart. The sam day , commissioner for Dysart, protested that the act aboue writtin suld nocht be preiudicall to thair burgh, saying the Lord Sincler is thair ower lord and hes licence of his Maiestie as he allegeit.
- Commissioner
of Stirling. 40. The sam day, the saids commissionares admits Walter Cowane, burges of Stirling, commissioner for the said burgh, to vote with thame and to be on the extent roll, in absence of David Forester thair commissioner ordiner.
- Oath and Bur-
gessis missiue. 41. The sam day, the saids commissionares ratefeyis and appreis the latter pairt of the fourty foure act maid at Dysart, aganis sic as ar admitted burgessis in any burgh and ar nocht actuall indwellare thairof, ordaning ilk burgh to putt the sam to executioun and to direct thair commissionares to the nixt conventioun with thair diligence in writt schawin thairanent vnder the payne of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the missiue.
- Flemyng
Transporting
will be vn-
friemen. 42. The same day, the saids commissioners, vnderstanding that ane Iames Flemyng, sumtyme burges of Perth and now dwelland in Flanders, repayris zeirlie to this realme, and with his awin geir and with the sub-

stance of cuntreymen of Flanders, amassis in sindry pairts of the realme ane intollerabill quantity of woll and transports the same furth of the cuntrey, thairfore statutes and ordanes that the magistrats of ilk burgh tak diligent heid heirto, diligently serche and seik quhair he or ony others of his rank hes ony woll to be transportet, and discharge all schips to resaeue the samyn in thair boddome, and impose ane greitt payne vpoun the brekkares, and als that thai caus the said woll, quhairuir the samyn may be apprehendet, to be putt vnder arreistment quhill cawtioun be fund that the samyn sall nocht be careit furth of the realme, vnder the paine of escheitt of the pryce thairof, for the saids burrowes vnderstandes that the said Iames is depyvet of his liberty for non-residence; and gif any suspensiouns beis rayset in the contrair heirof, ordanit thair agent to concur with the burgh charget, and to defend thairin vpoun the expenssis of the said burgh.

43. The sam day, the saids commissioners hes statute and ordanet that the magistrats of ilk burgh caus the acts of parliament maid aganis the transporting of nolt, scheip, or ony other kynd of forbyddin guidis to be putt to scherp executioun, quhidder the guidis be transported furth of the realme be sey or be land, and escheitt the saidis guidis according to the said acts but favour, and that thai set furth thair ordinance be oppin proclamatioun dischargeing in speciall all thair burgessis and fremen thairof vnder the payne of tynsall of thair fredom, quhidder thai haif licence thairto or nocht, besyde the confiscatioun of the guidis, and caus thair act and ordinance thairof be straitly keipet, with certificatioun to the burrowes that beis neglegent heirin and sall happin to be convict thairof thay sall be decernet in ane vnlaw of ane hunder pund to the burrowes swa oft as thai failzie, and that ilk commissioner mak aduertisement to thair burgh of this act, and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Transporting
forbyddin
guidis.
Missiue

44. The sam day, the saids commissioners statutes and ordanis that na commissioner in tyme cuming tak vpoun hand to gif in any particulare complaynts and supplicatioun, or to propone any particulare maitter concerning his burgh onely, without he produce and schaw thairwith ane speciall and seuerall commissioun of his burgh vnder the payne of ane vnlaw of x li., and to be in the missiue of the nixt generall conventioun ane speciall heid thairof.

Statute
Commissioners
Complaynts.

45. The same day, the saids commissioners of burrowes continewes thair

Support of
certane
burrowes

Missiue.

ansueris to the particulare supplicatiouns of the burrowes following to thair nixt generall conventioun, and ordanis the sam to be rememberit in the missiue: that is to say, the supplicatioun of Pittinweyme anent the support of thair harbery, and ordanis the burrowes nixt adiacent to visy the same be thair commissioner and report the necessity thair of to the burrowes; the supplicatioun of Quhythorne for support to thair ; the supplicatioun of Dunbartane for ane impoist of strayngers cumand be boitt with guidis; the supplicatioun of Irrewing for support to the bying and bigging of ane harbery, and to be rememberit in the missiue.

Statute wayr-
ing particulare
persouns
before the
burrowes.

46. The sam day, the saids commissioners statutes and ordanes that quhen any particulare persoun, burges or indwellar of any frie burgh, is lawfully wayrnet to compeir before the commissioneares of burrowes in any of thair generall or particulare conventiouns, at the instance of any party, for any thing done to the preiudice of the burgh or burrowes or to the hurt of his nichtbour, that the caus be contenit in his citatioun, and that the sam beir the payne of xx li. incais he compeir nocht, quhilk payne incais of non comperance thai ordane to be exactet and rayset.

Protestation
Abirdene and
certane
burrowes.

47. The sam day, the commissioneris of the burghes of Abirdene, Stirling, Cowper, and Air, for thaimselfis and in name of the rest of the hail burrowes that will assist thame, protestet that na thing to be proceedet betuix the gild brether and craftismen of Dumfermeling sall be hurtfull or preiudiciall to thair prevelegeis, awld vse, and fredome, nor zitt induce any preparatiue aganes thame.

Gild Brether
burgessis and
craftismen of
Dumfermling.

48. The sam day, anent the complaynt gevin in before thame be Iames Reid, Iames Cudbert, George Peirsoun, Thomas Cowper, Robert Pawtoun, and remanent gild brether of the burgh of Dumfermling, aganis Patrik Frelan, saidler, Iames Mochrie, wobster, and remanent craftismen of the said burgh, for the molesting and trubling of the said gild brether in thair gildrie, be the violent and maisterfull vsurping vpoun thame, be force and be way of deid, the vse, prevelege, and fredome thair of, be handling and selling of merchandice and staipill wayres, quhilk onelie pertenis to the said gild brether and thair successoures, and vsing alsua thair awin handie crafts and occupatioun, besyde intending thairby to deface the ordour of the said gildrie and to bring in ane meir confusioun within the said burgh be making of cadgeares kairteris of fuilzie and all sort of pepill equall in fredome and society with thame, and zitt sall nocht onnawayes meyne to

enter in society with thame, nather skatt and lott with thame, in all neces-sar adois belanging thairto, albeit that the said gild brether ar content the saidis crafts enter in lyke fredome with thame, thai payand thair entres according to the act of burrowes and the ordinance of the said gildbrether maid thairanent, desyring thairfore the saids commissioneares to tak sic ordour heirintill as may stand with the lawes of the burrowes of this realme as at mair lenth wes contenit in the said complaynt; and siclyke anent the hail complaynt gevin in be the hail deiknis, craftismen, and burgessis of the said burgh, vpoun the hail gildbrether and merchants of the samyn, for the wrangus debarring of the saidis craftismen and burgessis fra all bying and selling of wayres and merchandice as thai may win to be thair pur substance, quhilk is occasioun of thair decay and pouerty, quhairvpoun hes procedit and rayse trubbill and cummer, and ane of the saidis craftis number slayne, and thairfore, seying it is nocht lesum to the saidis crafts, be the guid acts of the burrowes, to compleyne to na other iuge vpoun sic controuerseis bot to thair wisdomes, desyring thame to haif respect to the standing of sic ane ancient and awld toun, quhilk standis be thame the craftismen and burgessis thairof, and to tak sic ordour with the said gild brether that the saids craftismen and burgessis may haif the lyke liberty as is grantet to craftismen and burgessis of Edinburgh, Perth, and Glasquow, and others the speciall burrowes of this realme, and that the form of the handling and liberty of the saids burgessis and craftis, quhow far the sam sall extend, may be sett down in particular, that all trubill and cummer may be removit amangs thame, as at mair lenth wes contenit in the said complaynt. The said gild brether comperand be the said Thomas Cowper and Robert Pawtoun, quha product ane procuratioun subscryuet be certane of the said gildbrether, and be Daud Broun noter; and the said craftismen comperand be the saidis Patrik Freland and Iames Mochrie, quha alswa product ane procuratioun subscryuet be the said noter, in name of certane of the saidis craftis, thair rychts, ressonis, and allegeances beand hard and considderit, the saids commissioners of burrowes decernis and ordanis all burgessis and craftismen of the said burgh that ar singell burgessis to desist and ceiss fra all vsing and exerceing of any pairt of the liberty and fredom of the said gildbrether vset in the said burgh, without thai be admittet and resauet thairto, and ordanes the dene of gild of the said burgh and his brether of thair consent,

contentit in the said complaynt, to admitt and resaue the said burgessis and craftismen to thair gildrie, thai beand fund qualefeyet and worthie thairof, for the payment of the dewty of twenty pund, and the dene of gild and his brether refusand the samyn to pay the payne and vnlaw of fyve hunder merkis to the said burgessis and craftismen, quha sall alsua pay, thai and euery ane of thame, to the said dene of gild and his brether the sowme of twenty [pund] swa oft as thai or ony of thame sall contravene this present act, and this without preiudice of the act of burrowes maid anent the resaving of gild brether for the dewty of fourty pund, and als to be na preparatiue to ony other burrowes of the realme, bot thai to stand in thair awin consuetude and liberteis as thai wer before this present decreitt, and in cais the craftismen of the said burgh at ony tyme heir-after vse ony convocatioun of thair craftis aganes the said gild brether for stopping, staying, and impeding of this present ordinance and decreitt or ony pairt thairof, than and in that cause the haill commissioners of burrowes present faythfullie promittes to concur and gif thair fortificatioun at the vttermest of thair powers to persew the sam contraventioun be law.

Wigtoun-
vnlaw remittet.

49. The sam day, the saids commissioners remitts and dischargis vnto the burgh of Wigtoun thair vnlaw of xx li., quhairin thai were adiudget at this present conventioun for nocht schawing thair delegeance anent thair commoun guid.

Certane burro-
wes vnlawet.
Agent.

50. The sam day, the saids commissioners decernis the burghs of Innerkething, Lawder, Bamf, Elgein, Iedburgh, Dysart, Thayne, Innernes, Narne, Forres, Culane, Forfar, Arbroth, and euery ane of thame, in ane vnlaw of ten pund, in cais thai mak nocht payment to Iames Wynrame, agent, of thair pairts of the said Iames and Ihonn Guthreis stipends.

Guthrie gene-
rall clerk.
Missiue.

51. The same day, the saidis commissioneris makis, constitutis, and ordanis Maister Alexander Guthrie, commoun clerk of Edinburch, thair generall clerk to all conuentionis of burrowis, generall or particuler, for the space of ane zeir nixt to cum, for the quhilk they grant vnto him the soume of ane hundredth pundis in naim off stipend, to be payit to him be the commissioneris of burrowis at thair nixt generall assemblie, ilk burgh for thair awin pairte according to the new extent roll, and ordanis ilk commissioner to bring the samyn with him at the said conuentioun togidder with thair agentis stipend, ilk ane vnder the pane of x li., and this to be

ane heid of the nixt misseve, attour they grant to the said Maister Alexander, for the extract of ilk particuler act of thair conuentionis xl d, for the extract of the haille actis of ony conuentionun ane merk, and for the dowble of this booke of thair conuentionun the soume of twenty merkis.

Quarto Iulij j^m v^c lxxxxiiij^o

52. The quhilk day, the foresaids commissioners gevis full power and commissioun to the fyve burrowes, appoyntet to convene at Edinburch for the excyse beir and wyne, or maist pairt of thame, to heir the compts of James Wynrame, agent, and to set down ane moyane quhow he sall be satisfeyet incais he be fund superexpendet, as alsua to sett down the way of defence and perswitt aganes the conseruatour incais hes mater be nocht agreitt. Commissioun for agents compts.

53. The sam day, the saids commissionares assignis and dispones to Ihonn Mvschett, commoun clerk of Stirling, for his seriuce to the burrowis in directing the last missiues and at this present conventioun, all and quhatsumeir vnlawes awand to the saids burrowes be the burgh of Quhythorne for ony caus bygane, ordaning him to be ansueret and obeyet thairfore, and discharges James Wynrame of all trubbling of the said burgh thairfore, nochtwithstanding ony security maid to him thairanent. Muschett, — vnlawes of Quhythorne.

54. The sam day, remitts and dischairges to the burgh of Irewyng thair vnlaw of twenty pund quhilk thai incurret for thair absence fra the conventioun of Dysart, bycaus thai vnderstand the said burgh wes dissauet be the report of thair commissioner. Irewing.

55. Followes the Generall Extent Roll of Burrowes, of ane hunder pund, presentlie alterit be the extentouris electet thairto in maner following :— Generall taxt roll.

Edinburch	xxviij li xv s	Lanerk	xviij s
Dundie	x li xv s	Arbroth	xv s
Perth	vj li vj s viij d	Brunt Iland . .	xxvj s viij d
Abirdeyne . .	viij li	Peblis	xv s

Glasquow	. iiij li x s	Craill	xvj s
Sanctaudrois	ij li	Kingorne	xx s
Dysart	xlviij s viij d	Thayne	x s
Stirling	xl s	Selkirk	x s
Air	xl s	Anstruther Wester	xij s
Haddingtoun	xl s	Culross	xiiij s iiij d
Kirkcaldy	xxxiiij s	Dumbar	x s
Montrose	xxxiiij s iiij d	Bamf	ix s
Cowper	xxxij s	Quhythorne	vj s viij d
Anstruther Eister	xl s	Forfar	vj s viij d
Dumfries	xxxij s	Rosay	vj s viij d
Innernes	xxx s	Forres	vj s viij d
Brechein	xxv s	Ruglein	iiij s
Irewyng	xxiiij s	Northbervik	vj s
Elgein	xxij s	Culane	iiij s
Iedburgh	xxij s	Narne	v s
Kirkcudbright	xviiij s	Lawder	vj s viij d
Wigtoun	xviiij s	Innerkething	x s
Pettinweyme	xx s	Kilrayne	v s
Lynlythquow	xxij s	Summa of the haill j ^e iiij li., and this iiij li. for inggadering thairof.	
Dumfermeling	xviiij s		
Dumbartane	xviiij s		
Renfrow	xvj s		

The sam day, the saids commissionares ordanis the estaitt and poverty of the burgh of Lynlythquow to be consideritt at the nixt setting doun of the extent roll.

Galloway 8 Iulij, 1630 enrollet and stentet to 4s. and Kirkcudbright to 14s.

(Two Folios of the Record are here wanting.)

Vigesimo Septimo Iunij 1595.

4. The quhilk day, the saidis commissioneris, for keiping of semlie ordour amangis them selffis with quyetnes, and for better depasche of thair effaeres, statutis and ordanis that nane tak speche vpoun hand by the moderatour vnrequet, nor interrupe nor trubill the woitting after ressoneing haid, vnder the pane of xl s. sa oft as thai failzie.

Statut, speiking
in woitting.

5. The samyn day, Iohnne Mackie, comissioner of Peblis, oblesset him selff in name of the said burgh, to schaw and produce to Roger M'Mathe, collectour of the tua extentis of the burrowis for the wyneis and Adame Foullertounis dett, ane sufficient discharge of the said tounis pairt of the samyn betuixt and the feist of Lambes nixt, and faelzeing thair of to pay to him the said extent in Edinburgh, extending to vj li viij s., and Iames Andersoun comissioner of Couper oblesset him selff in lykmaner forsame-kill of the said burghis extent as is restin. Item Iames Wynraham, agent, oblesset him selff as souertie for the comissioner of Forfar in the samyn maner; and the saidis commissioneris decernis the burgh of Brunteland in ane vnlaw of xx li. for non payment of thair taxatiounis foirsaidis, and zet in consideratioun of thair commoun werkis, the saidis commissioneris declaires, incais the said burgh mak payment of thair extent to the said Roger betuixt and Lambes nixt, that thai salbe fre of the said vnlaw, and this conditioun to be na preparatiue to vtheris.

Maknacht
burrowes
extentis
Brunteland
vnlawit.

5. The samyn day, anent the first heid of the missiue and act of the last conuentioun, concerning the rowpping and setting of comoun guidis and rydding of mercheis, ane gret pairt of the saides comissioneris haweand schawing thair delegece, pairtlie be word and pairtlie be writ, pairtlie in generall and pairtlie in particular, the saidis comissioneris of burrowis, for better executioun of the actis maid heiranent, findis expedient, statut and ordanis, that in the nixt conuentioun ilk burgh schaw and produce ane attentick writ, subscrywet be thair comoun clerkis, of the rowpping of thair comoun guidis and rydding of thair mercheis, and the samyn to contene mair particulare the quantitie of thair landis, renttis, and the soumeis, with the daittis and yeiris to ryn of the takis, quhair ony is sett, vnder the pane of xx li., and this to be ane heid in the nixt missiue; and the comissioner of Aberdein protestet in the contrair and disasentit thairto.

Rowpping of
commoun guidis
Missiue.

Vufrie traf-
figueris,
suburbs.
Missuie.

7. The samyn day, anent the thrid heid of the missiue and act of the last conuentioun, concerning the executioun of the act of parliament aganis vnfre treffiqueris and craftis in suburbs, findis them selffis to hawe bene verry slak and negligent thairinto in tyme by gane, and thairfoir findis expedient, statut and ordanis, that in the nixt conuentioun the commissioneris of ilk brugh sall schaw and produce mair particular delegeance thairvpoun in writ, to witt the creatioun of iudgeis collectouris, and the deductioun of proces aganis the vnfreemen, alsueill craftis in suburbs as vnfre traffiqueris, vnto the finall sentence, or that thai haue raset lettres of horneing and arreisement aganis the saidis persouns, executioun following thairvpoun, and quhair the pairtie hes purchesset ony suspensioun that thay informe the agent in dew tyme, quhome thai ordeane to persew the said suspensioun vpoun the chairgis of the hail burrowes, and the brugh fund negligent heirinto to be decernit in ane vnlaw of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Mettis and
mesouris.
Missiue.

8. The samyn day, anent the fourt heid of the missiue and act of the last conuentioun, concerneing mettis and mesouris, ordanis ilk burgh to schaw forder delegeance at the nixt conuentioun thairvpoun, nocht onlie in ressaueing the iust mesour from Lynlythquow, bot als in vsing and putting the samyn to practeis and executioun within thair boundis, vnder the pane of xx li., and this to be ane heid in the nixt missiue ; and the commissioneris of the burghis of Wigtoun, Kircudbright, Dumfreis, and Iedburgh declairit that the vsuall mesour of thair countrey is and has bene of lang antietie mair and of gritter mesour than the mesour of Lynlythquow, sua that it lyis nocht in thair powir to alter the samyn, and thairfoir dissentit, protesting that this present ordinance be nocht preiudiciall vnto thair consuetude of ald ; and the commissioner of the brugh of Lynlythquow protestit in the contrair, in respect of the lawis of the realme makand ane vniformitie of all mesouris without exceptioun.

Outlands bur-
gessis. Missiues.

9. The samyn day, anent the saxt heid of the missiue and act of the last conuentioun, concerneing outlandis burgessis, findis the brugh of Brunteland nocht to hawe done sic exact delegeance as neid war in de pryweing of certane thair burgessis nocht remaining within thair brugh, and thairfoir ordanis the said brugh, within the space of four scoir dayis efter desolueing of this present conuentioun, to mak citatioun of thair burgessis nocht actuallie resident with them for tyneing of thair liberteis

and gewe furthe thair decreit thairvpoun, and delyuer the samyn to the agent within xx dayis nixt thairefter, or ellis to gewe the said agent sufficient attestatioun of the obedience of the saidis outlandis burgessis in making thair actuall residence and fynding of caution, vnder grit painis, to contenev in the samyn, and this vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li. to be payet be the said brugh, and forder ordanis the haille burrowis to schaw forder delegece of depriwatioun of thair outland burgessis at the nixt conventioun vnder the pane of xx li. and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

10. The samyn day, anent the sewint heid of the missiue and act Forbiddin
guids.
Missiue. of the last conventioun, concerneing the transporting furthe of the realm be sey or land of nolt, scheip, or ony vther forbiddin guidis, the saidis comissioneris ratefeis and apprewis the samyn, ordaneing ilk brugh within thair boundis to vse delegend executioun thair of, and specialie the brughis maist ewest to the borderis, and als that the brughis of Breichin, Dundie, Perth, Stryveling, Kingorne, Brunteland, or ony vther brugh quhair the quantite or nomber of nolt or scheip passis throw thair boundis, that thai mak arreistement thairvpoun quhill caution be fund that thai sall nocht pas in Ingland, nor be sauld to Inglisman, or at the leist that ane testimoniall be schawin of the prouest and bailleis of the brugh quhair the dryueris or awneris remanis or duellis, and of na vther persoun, anent the place and mercatt quhair thai ar boun to with the saidis guidis.

11. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Air, Glasquow, Irewin, and Air, Dumbart-
ane, Glasquow,
Irewin, contra
Kirkcudbright. Dumbartane aganis Kirkcudbrecht mentionat in the xv act of the last conventioun, compeirit Robert Hall, comissioner of Kirkcudbrecht, and, for proveing of the exceptioun admitet to his probatioun in the caus persewet be the saidis burrowis aganis the said brugh of Kirkcudbright, producit Roger Makmathe merchand of Edinburch and Robert Dalzell baillie of Vigtoun, quha was sworne and ressauet in thair presens, and als producet delegece be our Souerane Lordis lettres dewlie execute and indorset as appeird quhair Iames Lidderdaill of the Ile, William M'Clenen of Auchlen, William M'Clenen of Bydding, William M'Clenen of Gregorie, Henrie Arnot in Kirkhoist, Iohne Tuibling in Tymer hill, Dougall Tombilling thair, Iames Tobling seruand to the said Iames Lidderdaill, Androw Rane in Kirkcandros, Iohnne Pauling in Kessotoun, Thomas Rane fleschour, Thomas Broun, William Gordoun, burges of Vigtoun, Archibald Tailzepheir thair,

Iohnne Edzear thair, Roger Dougalstoun elder, Roger Dougalstoun zounger, Iohnne Dougalstoun, Iohnne Macneishe, Androw Torbrek, burgessis of Edinburch, Johne M'Kyll in Leith, Iames Forsyth burges of Edinburch, Robert Grahame thair, Iohne M'Gill writter thair, Iames Hairstaneis thair, Iohne Mwre in Leith, David Walker in Kirkcaldy, war lauffullie summondit warnet and chairgit be the saidis lettres to haif comperit this day, the xxvij day of Iunij instant, in the houre of caus, before the comissioneris of burrowis, vnder the pane of rebelloun alanerlie, and thai comperit nocht, and the saidis persewaris protestit *quo ad alias* prouides, and assignis the thrid day of Iulie in the nixt generall conventioun to do farther delegece on the saidis witnessis, and baith the saidis pairteis is wairnit *apud acta*.

Vigesmo octauo Iunij j^m v^c lxxxxv.

Small customis.
Missiue.

12. The quhilk day, the commissioneris of burrowis being conwenit anent the sevne heid of the missiue and nynt act of the last conventioun, concerneing the small customeis tane be brugh fra brugh, the commissioneris of Edinbrugh, for schawing of thair delegece, producit the principall chairtour of thair sey customis togidder with the tabill of thair pittie customeis at thair said brugh, quhilk was red and delynerit agane to thame, and the rest of the commissioneris being askit of thair delegece declairit that thair infestementis war general in that point, and producit na speciall custome rollis thairvpoun, in respect quhairoff it is fund that the said mater can nocht be weill presentlie decydit, and thairffoir contenewis the said mater quhill the nixt generall conventioun, ordaneing ilk brugh to be warnet be the general missiue to exhibit and produce thairat the speciall rollis of the customeis quhilk thai ar in vse to tak, brugh fra brugh, and to cum resoluut quither it salbe mair expedient that ilk brugh salbe fre with ane vther of all land customeis or that thair be ane speciall custome roll set doun of vniformite of customeis brugh fra brugh, and that sic as hes infestementis of any speciall customeis that thay bring and produce the samyn, that ane finall ordour may be tane in this mater, without preiudice alwayes of the said speciall infestementis and of the preuelege of fre fairis; and the comissioner of the brugh of Abirdein offerit to produce presentlie

sic as he hes, alegeing the samyn to beir this generall clause, *cum custumis tolloneis*.

13. The samyn day, findis and decerneis the brugh off Banff to hawe incurrit the pane and vnlaw of xx li., nochtwithstanding the production of thair missiue be the commissioner of Culane, in respect thay haue nocht payit thair bygane extentis of the wyneis and Adame Foullertoun to Roger Makmatht collectour thairof, and ordanis the generall agent to vplift the samyn and to be chairgit thairwith, and als ordanis the said brugh to be warneit agane to the nixt conventioun to ansuer to the complaint of Aberdein and of the said agent for admitting and nocht deprying of thair burgessis that ar nocht actuall residentis within thair brugh, vnder the pane of xx li., and this to be the heid of ane missiue.

Bamf vnlawet,
chairge agent.

Abirleyne
agent contra
Bamf missiue.

14. The samyn day, anent the declaratioun maid be writt vnto them be James Coluell of Eister Veymiss, of his trauellis tane in the pairtis of France for renewing the ancient liberteis of oure natioun, and specialie the merchand estait within the samyn, and thairfor desyuering thair concurrence in his guid wark sa far adwancet, and to be word endit to him, that thairby hes painis alreddie tane may be acknowlegeit and he maid abell to imploy his farther trauell to the finischung of the samyn turne, and that thai wald presentlie consider the seruice done and to be done thairinto; with the quhilkis the saidis commissioneris being awyseit, hes thocht expedient statut and ordanit that ilk commissioner at his returneing hame propone this mater to his brugh, to witt gif thai think it guid to imploy the said Laird or ony vther in the said mater, and specialie for doun getting of the new raissit customeis in France, renewing the ancient liberteis of the natioun, and restoring of the guidis wrangouslie takin, and securite of thair peciabil treffik in tyme cuming, and to aduerteis thair brugh that gif thai agre thairinto it is thocht guid be this present conventioun that the chairgis of that negotiatioun salbe tane of the merchandrice passand furthe of the realm to the pairtis of Pickardie and Normandie, and to chairge thair brugh to send thair ansuer in writ to Iames Vynreham, thair generall agent, to the brugh of Edinbrugh, betuixt this and the xxv day of Iulij nixtocum, vnder pane of ane vnlaw of x li. to be tane of ilk brugh failzeand heirinto, and the said agent to delyuer the saidis ansueris to Richard Dobie, baillie and present commissioner of Edinbrugh, to be presentit be him to the counsall thairoff, and gif it salbe fund be the saidis

Eister Weymes
privileges in
France.

Commission to
certane bur-
rowes thair
anent.

ansueris that the maist pairt of the saidis burrowis hes agreit to imploy the said Laird or ony vtheris in the said negociatioun, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis geweis thair full powir and commissioun to the brughis of Edinbrugh, Stryveling, Dundie, Sanctandrois, Perth, Kirkcaldie, Lynlythquow, or maist pairt of them convenand, to intreat and conclud in the said mater, and to sett doun the speciall pointtis of the privilegis quhilk thai think guid to be renewit, and ordanis the said brugh of Edinbrugh immediatlie efter the ressait of the saidis lettres or ansueris fra the saidis burrowis to direct thair missiues to the saidis brughis of Stryveling, Dundie, Sanctandrois, Perth, Kirkcaldy, and Lynlythquow, to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instruct thairvpoun, and to conwene at Edinbrugh vpoun the first day of August nixtocum, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li. ilk brugh, and as salbe concludet be thame or maist pairt of them, owther anent the persoun to trauell in this mater or anent his chairgis and rewaird, the saidis comissioneris of burrowis promittis to hald ferme and stabill, with powir alsua to the saids burrowes convenand to decerne and adiuge the burrowes [nocht] sending thair ansuer or nocht conveneand in the vnlaw thai promit to hald ferme and stabill. And becaus this wilbe expensive to the brughis conveneand, it is thocht guid and agreit that thair saidis chairgis salbe tane of the vnlawis of the burrowis nocht sending thair ansuer or nocht conveneand as saidis, and gif thair beis na vnlawis that the samyn be refoundit of the nixt casualiteis of the burrowis.

Pittinweym
Anstrutheris
contra Abir-
deyne Missiue.

15. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Pittinweme, Anstruther Eister and Wester, aganis the brugh of Aberdein, mentionat in the saxtene act of the last conventioun, comperit Maister Iohne Cheyne, commissioner for the said brugh of Aberdein, and, for preweing of the exceptioun admitet to his probatioun in the caus persewit be the saidis burrowis aganis the said brugh of Aberdein, producit ane Chaitour maid to the said brugh be King Robert Bruce, beirand this clause, *cum minutis custumis*, quhilk he immediatlie tuik vp agane, nocht allowand, as he alegit, the iurisdicoun of the burrowis in this caus, bot as law will alanerlie, and als producet William Doncane, baillie of Dundie, quha was sworne and ressaute in presens of the saidis persewaris, and als producit James Mackune commissioner of Mwnros, with Alexander Annaud commissioner of Elgyne, quha was repellit, with delegece on Iohne Irewing

in Brunteland, Iohne Kay in Craill, Thomas Davidson, George Blak, Richart Cokburne, Maister Robert Chalmer, William Chalmer, William Jak, Androw Scherer, Androw Brabrer, Walter Culane, Alexander Rowane, David Andersoun, Iohne Robertsoun, David Mathow, and Maister Thomas Malesoun, clerk of Aberdein, witnessis lawfullie summondit, warned and chairgit be oure Souerane Lordis lettres to haif compeirit this day before the commissioneris of burrowis to haif borne leill and suithfaist witnessing in sa far as thai knew or salbe speiret at thame, for proving of the exceptioun admitit to thair probatiounis in the caus persewd be the saidis brughis of Pittinweme, Anstruther Eister and Wester, and thai comperd nocht and assignis the day of Iulij in the nixt generall conventioun to do farder delegece on the saidis witnessis *partibus citatis*.

16. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Pittinweme aganis Innernes, mentionat in the alewint act of the last conventioun, baith the pairteis being personlie present, contenewis the decesioun thair of into the nixt generall convention, and ordanis the compleneris to produce thair complaint the said day, and the defenderis thair richt qubair by thai vplift the dewteis and customeis complenit vpoun, with thair ressouns and ansueris aganis the said complaint, with certefecatioun and thai falize thai salbe decernit to decist and ceis in all tymeis cuming, and in the meintyme, with consent of the said commissioner, suspendis thame fra all vplifting of the saidis customeis quhill the said day.

17. The samyn day, the commissioneris of the brughis off Dundie and Forfar submittis all contrauerseis betuix thame, zit as of before, to the amicable decisioun of the commissioneris to be appointet be the brughis of Mwnross, Couper of Fyfe, for the pairt of Dundy, and of the brughis of Perth and Brechin for the pairtis of Forfar, conforme to the actis maid thairvpoun of before, and baith the saidis pairteis ar ordanit to convene at the toun of Couper in Angus the xx day of August nixtocum, but forder premonitioun bringand with them thair arbitrouris, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., to be payit be the pairtie absent to the pairtie convenand, and incais the said mater be nocht agreit be the saidis arbitrouris, ordainis baith the pairteis to compeir sufficientlie instructit to ansuer to vtheris, and to produce thair richtis in the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis, vnder the pane foirsaid, and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Pittinweyme
contra Inner-
nes. Missiue.

Dundie, For-
far. Missiue.

Crafts of Abir-
deyne contra.
The Mages-
trats. Missiue.

18. The samyn day, anent the complaint gevin in before thame for the pairt of the craftismen and handie laubouroris of the brugh of Aberdein aganis the merchand gild brether thairof, for the alegeit setting down in thair counsale certane intollerabill actis and statutis to the hurt and preiudice of the saidis craftis, as at lenthe is contenit in the said complaint and artikillis gevin in thairwith, Iohnne Messour procuratour for the saidis compleneris, and Maister Iohnne Cheyne commissioner for the said brugh being present, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis contenewis the decisioune of the said complaint vnto the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis, and ordanis baith the saidis pairties to compeir sufficientlie thairatt, instructit with thair richtis, ressouns, and allegatiouns, and that nane of them mak ony innovatioun aganis vtheris quhill the said day, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li., and ane particular missiue to be direct heirvpoun to baith the saidis pairties.

Crafts of
Sanctandreis.
contra
Magestrats.

19. The samyn day, ane complaint being presen[tet to] them be Arthour Mylne, deykin of the wrichtis of the Cete of Sanctandreis, and alegeit commissioner constitut be the deykin and bretherein of the craftis thairof, aganis the prouest and bailleis of the samyn, for alegeit setting of lang takis of thair commoun rent vpoun vnressonabill conditiounis, to the hurt and preiudice of the haill Cete, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis ordanis ane missiue to be direct in all thair nameis to the saidis prouest and bailleis requesting thame to anitie, and to submit thais controuersie to newtrall men, and to declare that the burrowis will haid hand to the pairtie fund maist ressonabill thairinto.

Cowper, Edin-
burgh. Agent.

20. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun gevin in before thame be James Andersoun, commissioner of the brugh of Couper in Fyfe, meneing that thair heritabill richt of thair commoun myln and landis callit Russellis Myln is querrellit before the Lordis be Iames Clapen, seruitour to my Lord Comptroller, for nocht haweing ane seaseing thairvpoun, quhilk will induce ane strange prepratue aganis the haill estait of burrowis gif he preuail, as at lenthe is contenit in the said supplicatioun, the saidis commissioneris requiestis effecteously the prouest and bailleis of Edinbrugh in all thair nameis to trauell with the Kingis Magiste and Lordis of Sessioun in favouris of the said brugh of Couper, and to be eirnest thairinto as gif it war thair awin caus, and as it may be gif this preparatiue tak place, and ordanis thair generall agent to solist, trauell, and concwr with thame in defence thairof.

21. The samyn day, granttis and gewes licence to the brugh of Pittinweme to impetrat of oure Souerane Lord ane gift for vplifting of ane impost at thair port and heawin, conforme to the licence grantit to the brugh of Craill at thair last conventioun haldine at Stryveling, and that for the space of thre zeiris alanerlie, prouyding thay bestow the samyn vpoun the reparatioun of thair herbrie and mak zeirleie compt thair of to the burrowis at thair generall conventioun, vnder the pane of xx li., *totius quotiuis*.

Pittinweyme,
Impost.

22. The samyn day, findis it expedient and ordanis that it be ane heid of the general missiue at the nixt conventioun that all burrowis that hes ony licence of impost grantit to them produce thair comptis of thair ressait and imployment thair of at the said conventioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.

Compt of Im-
posts. Missiue.

23. The samyn day, granttis and gewis licence to the brugh of Irewin to impetrat of oure Souerane Lord ane gift of the impost following, to indure for the space of sewin zeiris, and to be tane at thair brig, that is to say, of ewerie hors and meir to and fra the mercatt to be bocht and sauld sax penneis, of ilk ox and kow foure penneis, ilk scheip ane peny, ewerie tua lambis ane pennie, ewerie hors haifand ane pak woll vpoun him tuelf penneis, ilk hors haifand ane pak skynis or claith tuelf penneis, ilk daiker hydis sax penneis, ilk schip with top cumand within the herberie xiijs iiij d., ilk bark exceidand xx twu vjs viij d., ilk boit thre schilling iiij d., ane man with ane burding on his bak ij d., ilk hors laid wittuall, salt, irne, butter, cheiss, hering, lyng, or vther merchandrice, foure penneis; prouyding that thai bestow the samyn vpoun reparatioun of thair brig and mak compt zeirleie thair of to the burrowis vnder the pane of xx li., and the said commissioner of Irewin renouncit presentlie, cutit and cancellat the awld gift purchessit be the said brugh of before without consent of the burrowis vpoun hear dewteis.

Irewyne
impost.

24. The samyn day, the commissioners of burrowis hes exemit and be thir present exemis the brughis of Forres and Culane from all generall conventiouns for the space of thre zeiris nixtocum, prouyding awayis that thai send to ilk conventioun, with the commissioner of the nixt brugh, thair attentick lettres of ratificatioun of all thingis to be done in the said conventiouns, togidder with all soumeis that sall happin thame to be restand awand for the tyme to the burrowis for clerkis fieis and agent feis or any vther caus, vtherwayis to be vnlawd as absentis, and that the ex-

Exemption
Forres
Culane.

penssis quhilkis thair commissioneris nicht haif coist them be bestowit vpoun thair brigis, harbereis, tolbuithes, kirkis, or vther maist necessar comoun verkis, and compt to be gevin thair of to the burrowis at the end of the said exemptioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of fourtie pundis.

Culros contra
Stirling. Mis-
sue.

25. The samyn day, anent the complaint gewin in before them be the commissioner of Culros aganis the brugh of Stryviling for alegeit taking of vnfremenis customeis at thair brig, to witt of ilk hors laid ij d., ilk burdein j d., the commissioners of burrowis contenewis the samyn quhill the nixt conventioun, and ordanis baith the saidis pairteis to compeir sufficientlie instructit to ansuer to the said complaint vnder, the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li, and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Vltimo Iunij j^m v^c lxxxxv.

Anent the
vnfre traffic-
quers and
vnfre crafts.

26. The quhilk day, the commissioneris of burrowis present[lie con-
venit], haifing tane ane occasioun to enter in forder considera[tion and]
ressoneing anent the act of parliament maid aganis vnfre traffiqueris and
craftis in suburbs of fre burrowis, that nocht onlie ratefeis and apprewis
the actis of burrowis maid thairanent of before, bot als for the better
observing and excuting of the said act of parliament to the grit weill of
thair estait, quhilk is sua hieelie hurt and preiudgeit be ane number of
regratouris, foirstalleris, and kowperis, vnfremen and of vnfre craftis in all
the pairtis of the realm contraueneand the said act without controllment;
thairfor it is thocht expedient statut and ordanit that Iames Vynraham
thair generall agent sall with all possibill delegence, vpoun the comoun
expenssis of the haille burrowis, impetrat and purches ane commission of
the Lordis of Sessioun of certane iudgeis delegat for calling and persewing
before thame of the saidis foirstalleris, regratouris, couperis, vnfre traffiqueris,
and vnfre craftismen, and putting of the said act of parliament to execu-
tioun aganis thame; and gif the said commission can nocht be obtenit
that he rais and execut lettres aganis the saidis persounis conforme to the
said act, prosecut and follow the suspensiouns raissit or that salbe raissit
aganis the samyn vnto the finall decesioun thair of, and orcanis ilk brugh
to send to the said Iames betuix this and the xxv day of Julij nixt with
thair ansuer toward the Laird of Veymis ane sufficient catollog of the

Extent of ij li.
charge agent
Burrawis.

names of the saidis vnfire traffiqueris, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of x li., and that ilk comissioner aduerteis his brugh heirof and caus the samyn be done with delegece vpoun the ressaie of the quhilk cattolog the said Iames to rais lettres or preceptis and send the samyn to ilk brugh, and thay to caus execut and indorse and send the samyn bak agane to the said Iames to be vsit and followit furth be him in maner foirsaid; and for doing heirof thay haue willinglie agreit and grantit to ane extent of tua hundreth pundis, ordaneing ilk brugh to send thair pairt thairrof according to the last extent roll at Stryveling with the cattellog of the said names agane the said day to the said Iames, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li. to be tane of ilk brugh failzeand, without preiudice of the payment of thair pairt of the said extent; and the commissioneris present to aduerteis his brugh thairrof as saidis, and the said Iames to ressaue the said soume and to be comptabill thairfor to the burrowis at the nixt conuentioun, and gif he salbe fund super expendit the saidis commissioneris of burrowis promittis vpoun compt and rekning to refound to him the samyn, and the premisses to be done without preiudice of ilk brugh to call follow and persew before thair awin iudges at hame sua far as thai may of law vpoun thair awin chargis, conforme to the former actis maid heirvpoun, and gif ony persounis sall happin to oppone thesselfis be way of deid to the executioun of decreittis to be gevin and pronunceit in the said materis, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis ordanis ilk brugh to concur, fortefe, and asist ilk ane vtheris aganis the saidis persounis; and that this present ordour may the better cum to the knowlege of the burrowis absent, ordaneing the present commissioneris of the brughis maist ewest to them to mak thame lafull aduerteisement of the samyn.

27. The samyn day, the commissioneris of burrowis gewis power and commission to the sewin burrowis or maist pairt of thame conveneand, appointit to convene at Edinbrugh the first day of August nixtocum for the mater of the Laird of Weynis, to sit vpoun the materis following, consult, treit, and conclud thairvpoun at thair meiting as thai sall fynd maist expedient to the weill of the estait, to witt, that thai try the estait of the matter betuixt the burrowis and conseruatour, tak ordour thairwith and put the samyn to ane point; item the excyse beir and wyne in Campheir, and the placing of ane minister of the natioun thair, according to the actis of burrowis maid heiranent of before to be sene and considerit be thame.

Commission,
sevin bur-
rowes, conser-
uatour, Excyse
beir, Minister
at Campheir.

Factouris in
Campheir.
Missiue.

28. The samyn day, anent the 34 act of the last conventioun concerning the factouris in Campheir, quha byis the Scottis wairis to thair awin behuiff and mak merchandice thairroff, ordanis ilk brugh to send thair commissioner fullie instructet to the nixt conventioun with thair deliberat ansuer gif the ordour alreddy tane thairanent sall stand and contenew or nocht, and that Edinbrugh bring and produce with them the appointment maid betuixt the Burrowis and Campheir anent the stapell, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Statute, Burne
coll, agent,
Edinburch,
Missiue, Con-
servatour.

29. The samyn day, anent the 39 act of the last conventioun, concerning the transporting of burnecoll, the commissioneris ratefeis and appreis the samys in all pointtis, and ordanis the samyn to be put to further executioun, and to that effect ilk brugh at the nixt conventioun to report thair delegeance thairvpoun, and of the vptaking of the penalteis mentionat thairinto, vnder the pane of ane hundreth pundis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue; forder thai ordane James Vynraham thair generall agent, with awyse of Edinbrugh, to remember this matter to his Majiste and Secreit Counsale, and to caus ane lettre missiue to be direct in all thair nameis to my lord conservatour desyring him sa far as he may to escheit the burne coll arrywand within his boundis and aperteneing to vnfremen, and als to aduerteis the burrowis or thair said agent of his proceedingis thairinto, and to send the nameis of the schipis and maisteris thair of arrywand thairwith from Scotland with the quantite of burne coll thairin, and quhat port thai cum fra, to be presentit and schawin to the burrowis at thair nixt conventioun.

Anent the
transporting of
wooll and for-
biddin guidis.
Missiue.

30. The samyn day, the saidis comissioneris hes statut and ordanit that the magistratis of ilk brugh caus the actis of parliament maid aganis transporting of woll furth of the realm to be put to schairp executioun within thair boundis, quither the transporting be be sey or land, and vpoun licence or without licence, and vplift the penalteis presentlie with all delegeance, and that thai set furthe thair ordinance be oppin proclamatioun threw thair brugh inhibiting and dischargeing thair nichtbouris, burgessis and fremen, of that kynd of tred, and of all purchessing and vsing of ony licence or dispensatioun to that effect, vnder the pane of escheit of the woll or pairt thair of and tynsell of thair fredomeis for euir, and that ilk brugh at thair nixt generall conventioun schaw and produce thair delegeance in proceeding aganis thair nichtbouris contrauenearis hei of,

and in vplifting of the said penalteis and depryueing thame of thair liberteis, and to that effect to exhibite and produce thairwith to the saidis burrowis the speciall nameis of thair nichtbouris contrauenearis, with certefecatioun to ilk brugh that salbe fund remis or negligent heirvnto thai salbe decernit in ane vnlaw of fyve hundreth merkis to the saidis burrowis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue, and the commissioneris of Edinbrugh dissasentet heirto for the ressouns presentlie alegeit.

31. The samyn day, anent the complaint gewin in before them be thair agent and vtheris aganis the brughis of Kirkcudbright, Wigtoun, and Innernes, for owerseing and componeing with vnfremen and foirstalleris to by and sell woll, skyn, hyd, and all vther vnstapill guidis within thair boundis, speciale the said brugh of Kirkcudbrycht in rowpping the said owirsicht as comoun guid, quhilk beand sufficientlie veryfeit before the saidis burrowis thay fand the saidis brughis to haif done wrang thairinto, and inhibitis and dischargeis thame and all vther brughis in tyme cuming of all owerseing and componeing with the said vnfremen rowpping and taking thair commodite thairfoir, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of fyve hundreth merkis sa oft as thai failze, and vnder the pane of ane hundreth pundis to be tane of the fremen takeris of the gift of the said owirscht, and ordanis the commissioneris to intimet this present ordinance to thair saidis brughis.

Agent contra
Kirkcudbright,
Wigtoun,
Innernes.
Statute.

32. The samyn day, the commissioneris of burrowis gewis power and comission to the commissioneris of the brughis of Edinbrugh, Perth, Dundie, Air, Stryviling, Lynlythquow, to convene the morne be vj houris in the morneing and tak in the haill comptis of Iames Vynram, agent, of his ressait and discharge sen his last comptis at Kirkcaldie, and to perfyte, end, and subscriue the samyn, allow and disalow, as thay sall fynd expedient.

Commission,
agents comptis.

33. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun gewin in before them be Thomas Fisher, merchand burges of Edinbrugh, for himselff and in name and behalf of William Smale and William Cwininghame burgessis thair of, and Patrik Andersoun burges of the brugh of Dondy, for refunding to them of foure hundreth [frankis debursit] be thame to Androw Walkar in Deip for . . . of the effairis of thair estait in France and . . . preuelege thair of, and debursit agane be the said Androw vpon the Laird of Eister Veymis, and vtheris thair awin expenssis in traueilling thairinto,

Fyscheare
Collegis.

Impost in
France chaarge
Fyscheare.

with the quhilk the saidis commissioneris being awyssid, thai fand themselves of equitie and richt adetit to the saidis persounis of the said soume, and thairfoir for payment of the samyn thay haif willinglie grantit and agreit to the impost following, to be tane of the guidis efter speyfeit per-tening to Scottis men and arryuand at the port and herberie of Deip, or ony vther portis of Normandie or Pickardie, fra Scotland, or ony vther portis, being Scottis menis guidis: That is to say, of ilk twn salmond, hyd, skynns quhatsumevir or woll, ten sowz, of ilk tua twn hering or keling ten sous, ilk twn claith twentie sous, ilk twn lynt, hempt, cabilzarne, ten sous, ilk twn wax twentie sous, ilk tua twn pik or tar ten sous, ilk twn talloun ten sous; and the collection of this impost to be and begyn at the first day of Iulij nixtocum and to contenew quhilk the fiftene day of Maij nixt thairefter 1596. And for collecting and inbringing thairof makis constitutis and ordanis the said Thomas Fisher thar lauchtfull vndoutit factour and collectour, with powir to him be himselff or his deputtis, for quhome he salbe happin to ansuer, to intromet thairwith vplift collect and imbring the samyn, to be gewin and imployit for refoundin to him and his collegis of the soume foirsaid; and the said Thomas compeirand acceptit the samyn and oblissit himselff to vplift and collect the said impost, and thairwith refound and pay the said foure hundreth frankis, sa far as the samyn will extend to, and to freith and relewe the saidis burrowis of the samyn, and the supperplus, gif ony beis, to mak compt rekning and payment thairof at the nixt conventioun generall, as alsua to rander vnto them ane perfyte compt of the maner of the deburssing of the said foure hundreth frankis; and becaus the said Thomas can nocht guidlie direct ony persoun or persouns for collecting of the said impost at the saidis portis of Pickardie and Normandie vther nor Deip, it is thocht expedient statute and ordanit, that the skipper of ilk schip arryvand at the saidis vther portis sall collect the samyn quhen as he cumis to the portis, togidder with his frawcht, and to be comptabill thairfoir to the said Thomas and to mak payment to him of the samyn immediatlie efter thair returneing from thair veyageis; and for the mair securite ordanis the magistrattis of ilk sey port within this realm at the out passing of ony of the said schipis to the portis of Pickardy and Normandie vther nor Deip for payment to the said Thomas of the said impost at thair returneing, and ilk commissioner present or ellis the said Thomas himselff to intimit this present ordinance to the saidis magistrattis.

34. The samyn day, compeirit Iohnne Boyd, burges of Edinburgh, alegeit ^{Bojde, Iadger.} iadger, visitour, and marker of the haill burrowis salmond, hering and quhyt fische, packit and to be packit within this realm, and exhibit and producit the pretendit gift maid to him and vmquhile William Macairtney of the said office be oure Souerane Lord vnder the Priue Seill, daititt at Dalkeyth the tent day of December 1587, togidder with his lettres raisist thairvpoun, and of his awn fre will renunceit and gaif ower the said gift in the handis of the saidis burrowis, with all richt titell and entres that he hes or may pretend to the said office be wertew of the said gift or ony vther richt or titell in tyme bygane, in favouris of the saidis burrowis, to be vset and disponit vpoun be thame as thay think guid, conforme to the lawis of this realm and actis of parliament maid thairanent, and submitet himself haillelie in the will of the saidis burrowis for the purchessing and vsing of the said gift and lettres.

Primo Iulij i^m v^c lxxxxv.

35. The quhilk day, the foirsaidis commissioneris [beand] convenit vnder-^{Wynrame, rest of compts.} standing that the persouns [appointet] to the heiring of the comptis of Iames Wynrame [agent] fund the said Iames to be super expendit [and the] burrowis to be awand to him *de claro* of all sen his last comptis to the day and dait heiroff the sovme of thre hundreth fourtene^{Commissio seavin burrowis.} pundis thre schillings quhill forder ordour be tane for payment thairof, ordanis the said Iames to compeir before the sewin burrowis appointit to^{Rest of general extent.} convene at Edinburgh the first day of August nixt, and to exhibite and produce before them the burrowis extent roll of thair pairt of the generall extent of ane hundreth thousand pundis grantit be the Estaittis to the Kingis Grace, togidder with his compt of the collectioun of the said burrowis extent, and gewin commissioun and power to the said sewin burghis to tak ordour thairanent.

36. The samyn day, findis the honour of thair estaitt greitlie preiud-^{Statute, cowp- ping of vic- tuall, Girdel- ling,—Missiue.} geit be ane certane number of burgessis and fremen of burrowis quha, leweing all vther tred, hes laitlie tane thame to the foirstalling, regraitting and kowpping of al sort of wittuall and thairby the derth of sic necessar viweris daylie inressit, for remeid quhairof the said commissioneris of

burrowis hes thocht expedient statut and ordanit, that na burgessis and fremen of burrowis tak vpoun hand to by ony kynd of wittuall in the cuntrey to kowp and sell the samyn agane in ane fre burgh, without he convert the samyn be his awin handie werk and labour in ane vther forme, that is to say, the beir in malt, the quheit in floure, and hawe bocht of the aittis of before quhairof he maikis the meill, vnder the pane and vnlaw of xx li. to be payet be him sua oft as he failzeis to the brugh quhair he salbe apprehendit heirwith, besydis the paynes contenit in the actis of parliament, prouyding awayis that this present ordinance be nocht extendit to ony wittuall transportit be sey, sua that the boundis quhair the wittuall is bocht be north Montros; Forder it is alsua thocht expedient statut and ordanit, that na freman quha sall happin to girnell any kynd of wittuall bocht within the realm huird and keip the samyn to ane derth, bot thay haif thair girnellis and selleris patent at all tymeis to all our Souerane Lordis leigis, and mak mercatt thair of with all delegeance howewir the priceis gang, to wit, that thay sell the meill compleitlie within ane moneth efter the girnelling thair of, and the humill corne within tuentie dayis, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li. *totius quotiuis* to be payit to the magistrattis of the brugh and boundis quhair he girnellis the samyn, and ordanis the commissioneris of ilk brugh to intimie the present ordinance to the magistratis of thair brugh and thay to put the samyn to executioun vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth merkis sua oft as thai salbe fund remis and negligent heirvnto.

Burrowis
agent, articles
to the next
parliament.

37. The samyn day, ordanis Iames Vynraham, thair generall agent, to remember the burrowis at the next Parliament or generall Conventioun to forme ane artikill to the Estaittis for ordour to be tane in favouris of the magistrattis of burrowis that thai be nocht trublit as thai haif bene be occasioun of lettres of captioun and inewr na pane thairthrow without the pairtie purchessour of the lettres and his officer pas with thame fute for fute and schaw to thame the persoun lyand at the horne; item to forme ane artikle for obteneing the act of parliament maid anent trublis and disobediencis in Edinburgh to be extendit to the hail burrowis; item ane artikle aganis the abuse of walkeris in kairding aud raxeing of clait, and mony vther pointis of thair craft, to the preiudice of the burges and dishonour of the natioun; item ane artikle in favouris of the fre burrowis that na erectioun in ane fre brugh be grantit to ony brugh of barronie or

kirk clachenns without the awyse [and consent] of the fre burrowis and that the fre [burrowis] adiacent be first hard to say aganis the vtherwayis the erectioun to be null. Item [ane artikill] anent the sandeil poilkis in the west of hering is distroyit.

38. The samyn day, it is thocht expedient statut and ordanit, that na ^{Statute geving in of articles to parliament or conventiouns.} burges of ony brugh, nor na partikulare brugh be thair commissioner, to presume to gif in ony maner of artikle to ane parliament or conventioun generall of the estaittis without thai first comwnicat the [samyn] to the commissioneris of burrowis than convenit and obtene thair speciall awyse and consent thairto, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis to be payit to the burrowis be the brugh offendand, and tynsell of his freedom to the particular burges.

39. The samyn day, vnderstanding that thair is dyuers persouns within ^{Statute Intromissioun with the common guid of burrowes.} sindre burrowis that the tyme of thair beiring of publick office within the samyn intromettis with the comoun rent thair of, vsis and disponis the samyn at thair plesour, for remeid quhair of it is thocht expedient statut and ordanit that na brugh tak vpoun hand to elect or nominat ony persoun to beir office of magistrat or consuloure in the samyn that standis addetit to the brugh in ony soumeis of money, without he hawe maid first actual and reall payment thair of, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis to be payit to the burrowis be the brugh that electis him, and the present comissioneris to intimie this present ordinance to thair brugh at thair returneing.

40. The samyn day anent the desyre of the brugh of Lanerik desyring ^{Lanerik Stayne wecht.} the burrowis to ressaue of thame the iust quantite of the stane wecht and to thair mesouris according thairto, the saidis burrowis ordanis ^{Comission Sevin burrowes.} thame to send and present thair iust to the sewin burrowis appointed to conwene at Edinbrugh and thai to try and examyn the samyn and mak report thair of to the nixt conventioun, and the commissioneris to cum fullie instructit with thair mynd and ansuer of thair brugh to the said desyre of Lanerik, and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

41. The samyn day, ordanis ane missiue to be direct to the prouest, ^{Glasquow Gildrie.} bailleis, and counsall of Glasquow in name of the haill burrowis, schawand that the saidis burrowis is nocht a litill offendit that thai conforme nocht themselfis to the comlie ordour of vther fre burrowis in haifing ane deyne

of gild and electing of gild brether and thairfoir desyryng thame to send tua commissioneris for the merchandis and tua for the craftis to compeir at Edinbrugh the first day of August nixt before the commissioneris of the sewin burrowis appointit to conwene thairatt to informe thame mair fullerie of thair estaitt, ressoun, and confer with thame thairvpoun for forder ordour to be tane thairanent, to quhome the saidis burrowis gewis powir and commission to that effect.

Commission
Sewin
burrowes
Innerkething.

42. The samyn day, gewis commissioun to the sewin burrowis appointit to conwene at Edinbrugh the first day of August nixtocum to tak ordour with the desyre of the brugh of Innerkeithing for licence to set in few certane thair comoun landis and to try gif the samyn be for the comoun weill of the said brugh, quhome thai ordane to send foure of thair nichtbouris to Edinbrugh to informe thame sufficientlie thair of.

Exemptio
Wigtoun.

43. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis hes exemit and exemis the brugh of Wigtoun fra al conventiounis be north Forth for the space of tua zeiris nixtocum prouyding awayis that thai send to ilk conventioun with the commissioner of the nixt brugh thair attentik lettre of ratificatioun of all thingis done in the said conventioun togidder .

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feis agent
vulawit as
commissioner nicht
vpoun thair brigis herbereis tolbuiths
maist necessar commoun werkis
thair of to the burrowis at the end
vnder the pane of ane vulaw of

Exemptio
Peblis.

44. The samyn day the saidis commission hes exemit and exemis the burgh of
conventiouns be north Forth for the
zeiris nixtocum prouyding alwayis
conventioun with the commissioner of the
attentek lettre of ratificatioun of all
the said conventioun togidder with all
that it sall happin thame to be rest
the tyme to the burrowis for clerkis

or ony vther caus vtherwayis to be
 And that the expenssis quhilk thai
 haif cost thame be bestowet vpoun thair
 herbereis tolbuithis kirk and vther maist
 commoun werkis and compt to be gevin thair of
 burrowis at the end of the said conventioun
 the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.

45. The samyn day, the commissioners of burrowis Exemptio
 and exemis the burghis of Arbrothe and Innernes Arbroth,
 fra all conventiouns besouthe Tay for the Innernes,
 zeir nixtocum, and remittis vnto them thair vnlaw vulawis
 ilk burgh quhilk thai incurrit at Dysart they remittit.
 samyn on thair herberie, and als ordanis thame
 compt thair of to the burrowis at the ishe of the
 zeiris and als of all impoistis grantit to them
 of bestowing on thair commoun werkis of the

 of ane vnlaw of
 generall thai send with
 nixt burgh thair attentik lettre
 cation of all thingis done in the said conventioun
 togidder with all soumes of money restand awand
 thame for the tyme to the burrowis for the clerkis
 agent feis or ony vther caus vtherwayis to be vnlawit as
 absenttis.

The samyn day, grantis and gewis licence to the burgh of Quhithorne
 to impetrat of oure Souerane Lord the gift of the impost and dewteis
 following for reparatioun of thair for the space
 of thre zeiris alanerlie, viz., for the ankerage of ilk schip that sall happin
 to arryive to the herberie xiiij s. ij d., for ilk bark sax schillingis . . . d.,
 for ilk boit iij s. iiij d, to be payit of all persouns alsweil fre as vnfre; and
 siclyke granttis the impost following to be tane of all vnfremen discharge-
 ing thair laidning within the said herberie, viz., of ilk schip tua bollis salt,
 watter mett, of ilk bark ane pek salt, Vigtoun mesour, ilk bark vllis tua
 barrell, ilk boit inch rungis (?) half ane hundreth, of ane boit

treis , ilk bark ladin with jeistis and sparis ane jeist tua sparis, of ane boit hering ane hundreth, provyding awayis that this impost, except ankerage, be allanerlie vplifted of vnfremen and sic as sal happin to discharge within the herberie and na vtheris.

The samyn day, anent the complaint of Anstruther, Eister and Craill and Pittinweme aganis the brugh of Sanct Androis for nocht suffering the nichtbouris of the said brughis to repair to thair mercatt the samyn down to tua houris efter none to thair grit hurt, in contrair the statutes of the burrowis, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said complaint; baith the saidis pairteis being personalie present the said commissioneris of burrowis contenewis thair ansuer geving thairto quhill the nixt generall conventioun. and ordanis baith the saidis pairteis to produce thair rychtis, and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

[The second volume of the Records of the Convention ends here, a portion being evidently wanting. The latter part of the volume bears evidence of having long lain in an unbound state, and the concluding leaves are much frayed and obliterated.]

In the Generall Conventiouns of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the brugh of Aberdein, the first day of Iulij^m v^e foure scoir saxtene zeiris, Compeirit the Commissioneris of Burrowis, and producit thair commissiouns in maner following: To wit,

At Aberdein.

Edinbrugh, Richart Dobie, merchand, Eduard Galbraith, skynner; Perth, Henrie Adamesoun; Dondie, William Doncane, merchand; Aberdein, Thomas Meinzes of Dorne, provest, Alexander Rutherford; Glasquow, Thomas Pittigow; Sanctandrois, Daid Awerie; Stirling, Walter Cowane, Lynlythquow, Androw Ker, clerk; Air, George Cocherane; Hadingtoun,

John Carkettill ; Kirkcaldie, Iohnne Halkett ; Mwnros, Iohnne Vilsoun ; Anstruther Eister, Iohne Anstruther, clerk ; Dumfries, be thair missiue and lettre of ratificatioun presentit be Vigtoun ; Innernes, Alexander Cuthebert, prowest ; Breichan, William Ramsay ; Elgyne, Alexander Boyne ; Kirkcudbright, William Makgie ; Vigtoun, Iohnne Hannay of Kirkdail ; Dumferling, Robert Patoun ; Dumbartane, thair exemptiouns and instructiouns producit be Walter Cowane, commissioner of Stirling ; Renfrow, be thair missiue and exemptioun, producit be Iames Wynram ; Arbroth, Abraham Creichtoun, baillie ; Brunteland, Iames Clerk ; Peblis, be thair missiue and exemptioun producit be the agent ; Craill, Iohnn Dowglas ; Kingorne, Androw Brown, clerk : Dumbar be thair missiue and exemptioun producit be Hadingtoun ; Banff be thair exemptioun and missiue producit be Maister Thomas Malisoun ; Quhithorne be thair missiue producit be Kirkcudbright ; Forfar, Androw Hunter ; Ruglein be thair missiue producit be Iames Vynrame ; Northeberuik be thair missiue and exemptioun producit be Hadingtoun ; Lauder, Alexander Wod ; Culane be thair exemptioun and ratificatioun ; Innerkeything, George Durie, clerk ; Kilranny be thair missiue producit be Anstruther Eister.

2. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis electis, ^{Moderatour electet.} creattis, and constitutis, Thomas Meinzes of Dorne, prowest of Aberdein, as first in commissioun thair of, thair moderatour induring this present conventioun.

3. The samyn day, Alexander Wod, commissioner of Lauder, ratefeis ^{Ratificatio, Lawder.} all thingis to be done in this conventioun, and, in respect of the said brughis exemptioun, granttis him licence to depairt fra this conventioun.

4. The samyn day, Maister Thomas Malysoun, commoun clerk of the burgh of Aberdein, veryfeit the lafull citatioun of the burrowis to this present conventioun, and producit the delegeance in writt thairvpoun. ^{Citatioun verefeyet.}

5. The samyn day, decernis the brughis vnderwritin, and ewerie ane of ^{Burrowes vnlawet. Chairge agent.} thame, in ane vnlaw of xx li. for non compeirance to this present conventioun be thair commissioneris, that is to say, the brughs of Dysart, Couper, Irewin, Iedbrugh, Pittinweyme, Lanerick, Thane, Selkirk, Anstruther Wester, Culros ; and ordanis the said vnlaw to be payit to Iames Vynrame thair agent in name of the burrowis, and he to vplift the samyn and rais

lettres to that effect, quhairwith he is to be chairgit thairwith in his comptis.

Burrowes
vnlawet.
M'Nachtis
extents.

Chairge agent.

6. The samyn day, decernis the brughis of Perth, Forfar, Quithorne, , and ewerie ane of thame, in ane vnlaw of xx li. to be payit to Iames Vynram thair agent in thair nameis, and that for non payment to Rodger M'Matht, collectour of thair pairts of the last extent of the vyneis and customeis, and of Adame Foullertouns extent, thay being sua mony tymeis requyrett thairto and dissobeyit ; and ordanis the said agent to vplift the samin, quhairwith he is to be chargit in his comptis ; providing awayis that, gif thai mak payment to the said Rodger of the saidis extenis betuixt this and the fyftene day of August nixt, that thai be fre of the saidis vnlawis.

Statute.
Houres of
conventioun,
speiking.

7. The saymn day, appointis the houris of thair meitting during this conventioun to be at viij houris in the morneing ilk day, and to contenev quhill xij houris, and at ij houris efternone, and to contenev quhill sax houris at even, and the persouns absent or depairtand without licence to pay ane vnlaw of vj s. viij d. ; and that [nane] presume to speik quhill he be speirit att be the moderatour, vnder the said pane.

Rowpping of
commoun
guids.
Certane bur-
rowes vnlawet.
Chairge agent.
Missiue.

8. The samyn day, anent the sax act of the last conventioun concerneing the rowpping and setting of comoun guidis, and ryiding of marcheis, fyndis the commissioneris presentlie convenit, exceptand as followis, to haue schawin and producit thair sufficient delegece thairvpoun in writt, and fyndis the commissioneris of Glasquow, Sanctandros, Craill, Hadingtoun, and Forfar, na vays to haue sateffett the tennour of the said act, and thairfor decernes thame, and ewerie ane of thame, in ane unlaw of xx li. to be payit to thair agent and vpliftit be him, and he to be chairgit thairwith in his comptis ; and ordains thame, zit as of before, to produce at the nixt conventioun thair exact delegece in writt in obseruing the said act, and the lyk to be done be the burrowis absent at this conventioun vnder the pane contenit in the said act ; and this to be ane heid of thair missiueis.

Innerkething,
Commoun guid
Commissio.

9. The samyn day, anent the fourtie tua act of the last conventioun, quhairby certane burrowis was appointit to tak ordour with the desire of the brugh of Innerkething for licence to sett in few certane thair commoun landis, and to try gif the samin be for the commoun veill of the said brugh, and to direct foure of thair nichtbours to informe thame sufficientlie

thairvpoun ; and anent ane complaint presentlie gewin in be Iohn Daueson, Iohn Swyntoun, and certaine vtheris thair collegis, burgessis of the said brugh, aganis Thomas Michell, Iohn Broun, Mark Swyntoun, and certane vtheris thair collegis, burgeisses of the samyn, for intending to sett in few thair commoun guid within the awaill, and to appropriatt the samyn to thair awin vsis, as at lenthe is contenit in the said complaint : The saidis commissioneris of burrowis, haweing consideratioun of the act and complaint foirsaid, fyndis the said brugh nocht to have obseruit the said act for thair pairt, and thairfoir gewis commissioun to the brughis off Edinburch, Perth, Dundie, Lynlythquow, Montrose, or ony foure of thame, to deput certane of thair nichtbouris to tak cognitioun of the said complaint and decyid thairvpoun, with power to tak ordour with the present estait of the commoun rent and landis of the said brugh, and to se the samyn put to the best awaill and profiteit ; and to the effect abouewrittin ordanis thre of the saidis defenderis compeir att Edinbrugh the xxj day of Iulij nist before the commissioneris, to persew and defend in the saidis materis, and to informe of the estait of the saidis commoun landis and commoun guid ; and in the meintyme the said brugh to decist and ceis fra all forther setting or disponeing of the saidis commoun landis or commoun guid and mylnnis quhill the said mater be decydit.

10. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris, vnderstanding that certane burrowis hes of lait bene in vse to pay thair pairt of the Kingis Maiesties taxatiouns with the reddiest of thair commoun guid, findis the samyn verray hurtfull to the commoun veill of burrowis, and abill be proces of tyme to exhaust the patremonie thairrof : For remeid of the quhilk thing thay, be thir presenttis, haue statute and ordanit that na maner of burgh tak vpoun thame to deburse ony pairt or portioun of thair comoun rent vpoun the payment of taxatiouns that salbe grantit to his Mageste or his successouris, bot the saidis taxatiouns to be payit be commoun contributioun amangis the nichtbouris of the brugh, and the commoun guid maid fre thairrof to be imployit vpoun the commoun verkis, and this vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis sa aft as thay failze, to be payit to the burrowis ; and ilk commissioner to mak his burgh certefeit of this present ordinance.

Statute. Pay-
ing of taxa-
tiouns with
commoun guid
of burrowes.

Secundo Iulij j^m v^c lxxxxvj.

Anent vnfre
traffiquers,
crafts of su-
burbs, fore-
stallers, cow-
pers.
Agent.
Missiue.

11. The quhilk day, the commissioneris of burrowis foirsaidis being conuenit, anent the sewintt and nynt actis of the last conventioun concerning the vnfre traffiqueris and craftis in suburbs and outland burgessis, findis that the actis of parliament, lawis, and preuelegis of burrowis concerning the samyn, and concerning the foirstalleris, regratouris, and cowperis ar nocht put to sic spedie and scherp executioun as the necessitte of the caus requyreis, quhairby the multitude of vnfremen, kowperis, and foirstalleris of all sortis of merchandice within the realme is gritlie incressit in the north and all vther pairtis of the realme, sa that with proces of tyme the baill cuntrey wairis will fall in said vnfremenis handis to be vsit at thair plesour: For remeid quhairof the saidis commissioneris of burrowis fyndis it expedient, statutis, and ordanis that ilk brugh within themselves put the saidis actis of parliament statutis and preuelidgeis of burrowis to mair spedie and scherp executioun, conforme to the saidis sewint and nynt actis of the said conventioun in all pointis, and report thair mair speciall delegece in wrytt thairvpoun to the nixt conventioun; and this to be ane heid of the missiue, and inspeciall that thay gewe vp the nameis of the saidis kowpperis, forstalleris, regrattouris, and vseris of merchandice within or without the realme, to Iames Vynram, agent, quhome thay ordane to persew and obtene decreittis aganis thame before the iugis competent, and send the decreittis obtenit thairvpoun to the saidis burrowis to be put to executioun be thame; and als ordanis the said Iames to caus call, follow, and persew the suspensiouns quhair ony is raissit be the said vnfremen, and to schaw his delegece thairvpoun at the nixt conventioun; and the burrowis failzeand to fulfill thair pairt of this present ordinance to pay ane vnlaw of xl li. to the burrowis without favouris.

Statute. Land
messouris,
water mesour.
Missiue.

12. The saym day, anent the aucht act of the last conventioun concerning mettis and messouris, the maist pairt of the saidis commissioneris, haueing schawin sum delegece in conformeing thame selffis to the iust stand of Lynlythquow, for better prosecuting in the said mater, and taking away of the grit diuersite of the land mesouris of pek and furlott, it is thocht expedient, statut, and ordanit be the saidis commissioneris, that the said land mesour throw all the burrowis of this realm salbe maid and vsit

in all tyme cuming conforme to the stand and mesour of the furlott of Lynlythquow, and the mesour of the pek to be correspondent to the said furlott, to witt, foure pekis, and na mair nor les, to mak the furlott; and sua the said furlott to be equallie and iustlie dewydidit in the said foure pekis, and ilk brugh to caus this act be put to guid executioun be vnlawing and pvnisching of thair nichtbouris, contravenaris thairroff; and the brugh failzeing thairinto, and being accusit and convictit thairroff in the conventioun of burrowis, to pay ane vnlaw of xx li. to the saidis burrowis, exceptand awyis the Nyddisdaill mett, quhilk is ordanit to stand in the ald forme quhairin it is in vse. And anent the watter mett of vittuall and salt tane fra forane cuntreyis, it is thocht expedient, statute, and ordanit that the mesour of the boll thairroff salbe and contene auchtene pekis of the land mesour of Lynlythquow, and na les nor mair, and the samyn to be deuysidit in haill boll, half boll, and quarter boll proportionallie; dischargeing be thir presenttis all vther watter mettis of vittuall and salt foirsaid nocht agreand heirwith; and this present watter boll mett and na vtheris of the wairis foirsaid be keipit and vsit in tyme cuming baith in ressaveing and delyuering be fremen and strangeris vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li. *toties quoties*, to be vptane of ilk persoun contraueneand the samyn, to be payit to the commoun weill of the brugh quhair the falt is done, and that ilk brugh amangis thame selffis caus this present act to be keipit and put to scherp executioun, vnder the pane of xl li. to be payit be thame to the saidis burrowis sa oft as thay failze; and that ilk brugh reporte and schaw thair delegece heirvpoun at the nixt generall conventioun, and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

13. The samyn day, ordanis the brugh of Brunteland to schaw and pro-^{Brunteland.}
duce forther delegece in writt, at the nixt conventioun, of the depnyuing^{Missiue.}
of thair outlandis burgessis, conforme to the sext act of the last conventioun, and specialie vpoun William Trumbill, merchand, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.

14. The samyn day, anent the xxix act of the last conventioun, con-^{Burne coll.}
cerning the transporting of burne coll furth of the realm, quhairby it is^{Dysart, Culros,}
ordanit that ilk brugh at this conventioun sould reporte thair delegece^{vnlawit.}
thairanent vnder the pane of ane hundreth pundis: Findis the brughis of^{Charge agent.}
Dysart and Culros to haue schawn na delegece thairanent, and thairfor^{Agent Missiue.}
decernis thame, and ilk ane of thame, in ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis,^{Comissio.}

to be payit to the saidis burrowis, and to be persewit and collectit be thair agent, and he to be chairgit thairwith in his comptis ; and ordanis ilk brugh within quhais boundis the burne coll may be careit away, to schaw to the nixt conventioun thair forther delegece in writ in putting to executioun the said act, and actis of parliament concerneing burne coll, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of tua hundreth pundis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue, and ordanis Iames Vynrame, agent, and sic vther burrowis as sall haue ony commissioun gevin to thame be this present conventioun to convene at Edinburgh, that thai recomend this mater to his Mageste and Lordis of Secreit Counsall and Cheker, vse all possibill moyane for halding at hame of the said burne coll.

Anent trans-
porting woll.
Comissio. Mis-
siue.

15. The samyn day, anent the threttie act of the last conventioun, concerning the transporting of woll furth of the realm, ratefeis and apprewis the samyn, and ordanes ilk brugh to caus the samyn within thair boundis be put to forther executioun, and report thair delegece in writt agane the nixt conventioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of fywe hundrethe merkis, and this to be one heid of the nixt missiue ; and the commissioneris that salbe appointit to convene at Edinburgh, trauell with his Maiestie Secreit Counsall and Cheker for halding of the said woll within the realm.

Fyschears im-
post in France.
Comissio sex
burrowes.

16. The samyn day, anent the xxxij act of the last conventioun, concerneing the impost grantit to Thomas Fischer in Edinburch and his collegis, for rembursing to thame of foure hundreth frankis debursit be thame to Androw Walker in Deip for awancement of the effairis of the burrowis estait in the pairtis of France : Findis tyme of the collectioun of the said impost to be expyreit vpoun the fyftene day of Maij last, and thairfoir dischargeis him and his collegis or thair deputtis of all forther vplifting thairoff, and that he giue in his comptis off his intromissioun with the said impost to the commissioneris that sall convene att Edinburgh, and the said brugh to aduerteis him thairof ; and gewis power and commissioun to the saidis burrowis to ressaue compt rekning and payment of him of the samyn.

Sanctandrois
contra An-
struther Wester.
Missiue.

17. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Sanctandrois aganis the brugh of Anstruther Wester for exacting of ane excyse boll fra Iames ——— burges of Sanctandrois, the commissioneris ordanis the said brugh to cum sufficiently instruct at the nixt conventioun to ansuer to the complant, vnder the pane of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

18. The samyn day, gewis commissioun to the present commissioneris ^{Agents rest of} of the brughis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Aberdeen, Lynlythquow, Air, ^{compts. Co-} and Stirling, to convene the morne at sax houris in the morneing, and to ^{missio.} se how Iames Vynram, thair agent, salbe payit of the rest of his last comptis extending to iij^e xiiij li. iij^s., mentionatt in the 35 act of the last conventioun, als quhat he his done toward his discharge of his intromissioun with the burrowis pairt of the last generall extent of ane hundreth thousand pundis, mentionat in the said act; togidder with his compt of the extent of tua hundreth pundis, grantit for calling of the regratouris, conforme to the xxvj act of the last conventioun, and the saidis commissioneris to report the samyn to the saidis burrowis.

19. The samyn day, anent the mater of the burgh of Glasquow ^{Commissio,} ^{Glasquow,} cerneing thair gild brether, mentionat in the xlj act of the last conventioun: ^{Agent, Missiue.} Findis the said brugh hes nocht obeyit nor obseruit the said act in ony point, and thairfoir ordanis ane missiue to be direct in all thair nameis to the said brugh calling the said mater to thair remembrance, and fynding falt with thair misordour and disobedience, to desyre thame to send tua commissioneris for the merchandis and tua for the craftis, to compeir att Edinburgh the twenty day of Iulij instant, before the commissioneris that salbe appointit to convene thairatt, to confere, ressoun, and intreit vpoun the said mater and to heir and se ane ordour of gildre to be estabillishit within thair brugh, or ellis to alege ane ressonabill caus in the contrair, vnder the pane of ane hundreth pundis, to be payit be the said brugh or pairtie failzeand in sending thair commissioneris to the said brugh, to be payit to the burrowis; and with certefecatioun to thame, and thai failze, that the burrowis at the nixt conventioun sall proceid and decerne thame to conforme thameselffis to the estait of the rest of the burrowis; and gewis powir and commissioun to the saidis burrowis quha sall meit in Edinburgh the said day to intreit conclude and decerne in the said mater, and vnlaw the pairteis absent, and ordanis Iames Vynram, agent, to ressaue ane bill to be direct to baith the saidis pairteis to this effect, and to report in wryt thair delyuerance thairoff.

20. The samyn day, gewis powir and commissioun to the bruchis of ^{Commissio,} ^{Conseruatour,} Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Stirling, Lynlythquow, Glasquow, Couper, ^{Excoyse beir.} Sanctandris, or ony foure of thame with Edinburgh, to convene at Edin- ^{Agent.} burgh, vpoun aduertisement of the said brugh, for intreitting of the mater

of the excyse beir and wyne in Campheir, and all vther materis that the haill burrowis hes ado with my lord Conseruatour, woit, conclude, and decerne thairintill for the weill of thair estaitt, and ordanis Iames Vynram agent to rais lettres chairgeing the said Conseruatour to compeir vpoun thre scoir dayis wairning at Edinburgh, the last day of September nixt, before the saidis aucht burrowis or ony fyve of thame, to mak compt, rekning, and payment of the vsing and distributing of the said excyse beir [and] wyne, and heir and se forther ordour tane thairanent, and forder to ansuer to sic vther thingis as salbe layit to his chairge, vnder the pane of depriatioun, and payment of the said excyse beir, or with sic vther certefecatioun that the said Iames may obtene in the saidis lettres, quhilk thai ordane the said Iames to caus publeis and proclame, and, gif neid beis, ane speciall missiue lettre to be direct to the Conseruatour to this effect.

Tertio Iulij j^m v^c lxxxxvj.

Commissio,
Burrowes pairt
of the j^m li.
tax. Missiue.
Edinburch.

21. The quhilk day, the commissioneris of burrowis being convenit, it was reportit vnto thame, be the commissioneris depute to haue convenit this day at sax houris in the morneing to consult vpoun certane comptis betuixt the burrowis and Iames Vynram, thair agent, mentionatt in the 18 act of this present conventioun : that, anent the compt of the burrowis pairt of the generall extent of ane hundreth thousand pundis for the Princes baptisme, thair wilbe restand of excresens the soume of fyve hundreth pundis mair nor the extent rollis quhilk is payit; and thairfoir ordanis the commissioneris quha sall convene at the nixt particular conventioun to remember the samyn, and to try in quhais handis the samyn is, and to tak ordour thairwith, that it may be maid furthecumand to the saidis burrowis ; and gif thai failze to put that mater to ane point, that it be ane heid of the nixt missiue to tak compt of the brugh of Edinbrugh how thai haue payit thair pairt of the said generall extent, and the said brugh to be wairnitt to the nixt generall conventioun to that effect ; and the present commissioneris of the said brugh disasentit to this present act in all pointis for the ressouns presentlie alegit be thame.

22. The samyn day, findis the burrowis vnderwittin to haue failzeit in payment making of thair pairtis of the soute of tua hundreth pundis of extent grantit for making of the chairgis and expensis in persewing of the foirstalleris, regratouris, vnfre traffiqueris, and vnfre craftis, mentionatt in the xxvj act of the last conventioun, and sua to haue incurrit the pane and vnlaw of xx li. contenit in the said act, and thairfoir decernis thame, and ewerie ane of thame, to mak payment of the samyn to Iames Vynram, agent, in name of the burrowis, and he to rais lettres aganis thame for payment of the samyn, and he to be comptabill thairfoir to the saidis burrowis, that is to say, the brughis of Perth, Glasquow, Sanctandris, Couper, Dumfreis, Innernes, Irewin, Iedburgh, Dumbartane, Renfrew, Lanerik, Arbrot, Peblis, Craill, Thane, Selkirk, Anstruther Wester, Culros, Banff, Quithorne, Forfar, Rosay, Rugleyn, Northeberuik, Nairne, Lauder, Dysart: Prouyding awayis that giff samony of the commissioneris of the said burrowis quha ar present pay thair principall soute presentlie thai to be fre of the said vnlaw, and failzeing thair of they to be subiect to pay the said vnlaw togidder with the said principall soute; and as to the rest that ar absent, gif thai pay the principall soute betuixt and the first day of August nixt, thay to be fre of this said vnlaw, and the said day being bypast thay to be subiect in the said vnlaw with the principall soute.

Certain burrowes vnlawet.
Charge agent.

Perth payit;
Craill, Forres,
Glasquow,
Innernes,
Arbroth, Peblis,
Quithorne,
Forfar, Lauder,
all payit;
Dumfreis,
Sanctandris.

23. The samyn day, ordanis Iames Vynram, thair general agent, to pay to Henrie Adamesoun, commissioner of Perth, the soute of ten pundis; and to Androw Ker, commissioner of Lynlythquow, the soute of thre pundis; to Walter Cowane, commissioner of Sterling, sax pundis; and, to the commissioner of the brugh of Sanctandris, the soute of sex pundis, in name of the brugh, and that for chairgis and expenssis maid in conueining at Edinbrugh the first day of August last for the mater of the Laird of Eister Weymis, mentionat in the fourtene act of the last conventioun, according to the said act and the samyn to be allowet to the said Iames in his comptis.

Precept, agent.

24. The samyn day, efter forder ressoning concerneing the mater of the factouris in Campheir vsand merchandrice, mentionat in the 28 act of the last conventioun, ordanis ilk brugh to send thair commissioner fullie instructet to the nixt generall conventioun, with thair deliberatt ansuer gif the ordour tane thairanent sall stand or nocht; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Factouris in
Campheir.
Missiue.

Statute.
Wechts.
Elvand.

25. The samyn day, vnderstanding thatt thair is ane grit diuersitie and vnequalite of wechtis within diuers burrowis of the realm, to the grit hurt of the lidgeis and sclander of the estait of burrowis : For remeid quhairof it is thocht expedient, statute, and ordanit, that all Scottis wayris be ressaует, sauld, and delyuerit with the iust wecht, according to the stane of Lanerik, pund and half pund, and vtheris effeirand thairto, conforme to the actis of parliament maid thairanent ; and the wecht of all forane wayris to be correspondent to the siller wecht, quhilk is saxtene vnce for the pund ; and forder that the lenth and mesour of the elwand withiu brugh be vniuersalle maid and vsit conforme to the mesour and stand of Edinbrugh, and na vther wayis ; and the deyne of gild of ilk brugh to se this present ordinance put to scherp executioun in all pointtis, and pvneis and vnlaw the transgressouris thairof, according to the lawis of the realm, actis and statutis of burrowis.

Commissio sax
burrowes.

26. The samyn day, gewis powir and commissioun to the brughis of Edinbrugh, Perth, Dundie, Aberdein, Lynlythquow, Mwnros, or ony foure of thame, be thame selffis or thair commissioneris electit be thame, to conuene at the said brugh of Edinbrugh the tuentie day of Iulij instant, with conteneuatioun of dayis, to confer, intreatt, deliberatt, ressoun, voit, and conclude, in maner efter speyfeit, vpoun the heidis and caussis efter following to witt :—To deill with his Maiestie Lordis of Secreit Counsall and Cheker anent his Grace customeis for halding the samyn vnraysit or alterit from thair former estait, be sic meanis as thay think expedient.

1.
Kings Cus-
tomes.

2.
Raid to the Isles.

Item, In name of the saidis burrowis, tak ordour with his Maiestie and Lordis foirsaid, anent the seruice of his Mageste in the raid appointit towardis the Illis agane the first day of August nixt.

3.
Inhabiting
Lochquhaber
and the Isles.

Item, To confere and ressoun with his Maiestie and Lordis foirsaidis, anent the artikle direct to the saidis burrowis, for sending ane number to inhabite and duell in the mowth of Lochquhaber, and sum vther pairt of the Isles.

4.
Imbassage to
France.

Item, to intreatt and confere in name of the saidis burrowis with his Maiestie and Lordis foirsaidis anent the sending to France to renew the leaug with the antient liberteis of the merchand estait ; quhilkis foure heidis and pointis are contenit in certane artekillis send to this present conventioun be the brugh of Edinbrugh at command of the saidis Lordis.

5.
Innerkething.

Item, To intreit and decyid vpoun the mater of the brugh of Inner-

keything concerneing the setting in few thair commoun myln and commoun landis conforme to the act of this present conventioun.

Item, To trauell with his Magiste and Lordis foirsaidis for halding of the woll and burne coll within the realm. ^{6. Woll, Burne coill.}

Item, To call in before thame Thomas Fischer, merchand, burges of Edinbrugh, and all vtheris haifand entres and ressaue compt, rekning, and payment of him and thame of the impost in France grantit to him be ane act of burrowis and to discharge the collecting thairof in tyme cuming fra the day expyreit in the said act. ^{7. Fyshear.}

Item, To tak ordour with the fyve hundreth pundis of excresens of the burrowis pairt of the last generall extent of ane hundreth thousand pundis, conforme to the act of this present conventioun, promesand to hald ferme and stabill quhatsumever thay or ony foure of thame conveneand thinkis nedfull. ^{8. Ve li. of the burrowes pairt of the generall taxt.}

Item, To seik redres at his Maiestieis handis and Lordis foirsaidis, anent the preiudice done to fre burrowis in erecting priuatlie of brughlis of bar-roneis, kirkelachanis and vtheris small villageis, with als grit liberteis as the fre burrowis hes; with speciall powir to the saidis burrowis, or thair commissioneris, samony as sall happin to convene the said day, to decerne the commissioneris absent and nocht conveneand the first day, ewerie ane of thame in ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis, to be vpliftit be the agent to the commoun vse of the saidis burrowis; and quhatsumewir expenssis it sall happin the saidis commissioneris conveneand to deburse, ordanis James Vynrame, thair generall agent, to ressaue thair compt and mak thame payment of the samyn, quhilk salbe allowit to him in his comptis. ^{9. Erectiouns of frie burchis.}

27. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the commissioner of the brugh of Wigtoun vpoun the erectioun of the willageis of Straunawer and Ballanclath in fre brughis purchest be the laird of Kinhilt and Thomas Hay of Park; as alsua anent the complaint of the commissioner of Innernes vpoun the erectiouns of the Chanorie in ane fre brugh, purchest be M'Kainze; becaus the saidis burrowis be thair autoritie can nocht repair the samyn thay will and desyre the saidis compleneris to seik redres thairoff before the iudge competent, and promittis thair asistance and forfecatioun sua far as thay may of law, as alsua to remember the samyn in the nixt parliament, and that thai sall nocht admit the saidis touns in ^{Complaynt of Wigtoun. Innernes}

thair societie quhill the saidis compleneris be first hard and thair consent haid thairto.

Air, Glasquow,
Irewyne, Dum-
bartan, contra
Kirkcudbricht.
Missiue.

28. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the brughis of Air, Glasquow, Irewin, and Dumbartane, aganis the brugh of Kirkcudbricht, mentionat in the act of the last conventioun, the commissioneris of the brughis of Air and Glasquow being personle present, and William Makgie, commissioner of the brugh of Kirkcudbricht, being lykwyis present, quha producit Iohn Edzeare, merchand in Vigtoun, quha was suorne and ressaut, with delegece vpoun Iames Liddelraile of the Ile, William M'Clenen of Auchlen, William M'Clenen of Balmargan, William M'Clenen of Gregorie, Henre Arnot in Kirkhoist, Iohn Tombling in Tymer hill, Dougall Tymbling thair, Iohn Tomling seruitour to the said Iames Liddelraill, Androw Liddelraill, Androw Rowane in Kirkcandirse, Iohn Pauling in Kissoktoun, Thomas Rowane, fleschour, Thomas Rowane, William Gordoun, burgessis of Vigtoun, Archbald Tailzepheir, Rodger Dougalsoun eldar, Rodger Dougalsoun younger, Iohnne Dougalsoun, Iohn M'Neishe Androw Cuthebert, burgessis of Edinbrugh, Iames Forsyth thair, Iohn M'Gill in Leith, Robert Gratham, Iohn Makgill writter, Iames Hairstaneis, Iohn Mwre in Leith, David Walter in Kirkcaldy, witnessis ressaut of befor to the said brugh of Kirkcudbricht, quha war lauffullie summondit warned and chairgit be oure Souerane Lordis lettres to haue compeirit this day before the commissioneris of burrowis to haue bene examenat for proveing of the exceptioun admitit to the said brugh of Kirkcudbrychtis probatioun, aganis the complainit persewit be the saidis burrowis aganis thame, and that vnder the pane of rebelloun of and putting of thame, with certefecatioun to thame and thai failzet his Hienes vtheris lettres sould be direct sympliciter to put thame thairto, and thai compeirit nocht, and assignis the day of in the nixt generall conventioun to do farther delegece vpoun the saidis vitnassis and the commissioneris foirsaidis is wairnitt *apud acta*.

Agent, Abir-
deyne contra
Bamff.
Chairge agent.
Missiue.

29. The samyn day, anent the complainit of Iames Vynrame, agent, and the brugh of Aberdein, aganis the brugh of Bamff, for thair outland burgessis, the saidis compleneris being present, and the saidis defenderis being lauffullie wairneit be the generall missiue vnder the pane of xx li. and nocht compeirand, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis decernis the said brugh in ane vnlaw of xx li., and ordanis the said generall agent to vplift

the samyn quha is to be chairgit thairwith in his comptis; and ordanis the said brugh to be warneit be the generall missiue to compeir and ansuer to the said complaint vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of j^c li.

Quinto Iulij j^m v^c, lxxxxvj.

30. The quhilk day, the commissioneris of burrowis being conwenit, ^{Anstruther Eister, Craill,} anent the complaint of the brughis of Anstruther Eister and Craill aganis ^{contra Sanct-} the brugh of Sanctandris, for not suffering the nichtbouris of the said ^{andris. Sta-} brughis repair to thair mercatt bot halding the samyn doun to tua houris ^{tute.} efternone, as at lenthe is contenit in the xlvij act of the last conventioun, baith the saidis pairteis compeirand be thair commissioneris, thair resouns hard and considerit, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis decernis and ordanis the said brugh of Sanctandris to begyn and hald thair mercattis of vittualle on the vsuall dayis thair of at the houris following, that is to say, thair meill mercatt at ten houris before none, the beir mercatt at xj houris, and the quheit mercatt at tuelf houris, and for ane houre efter ilk ane of the saidis houris respectiue the samyn to be preuelegeit for seruing of the inhabitantis of the said brugh and na vtheris, quhilk houre being expyreit that it be lesum to the nichtbouris of all vther fre burrowis, and all vtheris our Souerane Lordis lidgeis, to by in the samyn to thair awin vseis, and incais thair be ony foirstalling for transporting of vittuall furthe of the realm, the fremen of burrowis and vtheris suspect thair of that thai put thame vnder cautioun for decisting thairfra, and that the said brugh of Sanctandris mak publicatioun of this present ordinance throw thair brugh at mercatt tyme of day to the countrey, and obserue and keip the samyn vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li., to be payit to the saidis burrowis sa oft as thay failze.

31. The samyn day, ratefeis and apprewis the act of burrowis maid ^{Traffique in} aganis the traffik and negotiatioun of burrowis within the dominicouns of ^{cSpaine Mis-} Spaine, as at mair lenthe is contenit in the said act maid at Edinbrugh the tent day of Iulij 1593 zeiris, and ratefeit in the Conventioun at Perth the first day of Iulij 1595, albeit nocht insert in thair conventioun buik, ordaneing the samyn to be obseruit and keipit be all the burrowis fra the tyme of this present to the nixt generall conventioun in all pointis and

circumstanceis thairof vnder the paneis thairin contenit ; and the commissioneris present to aduerteis their brughis of the samyn, and thay to put the samyn to scherp executioun during the said space, and report thair delegence thairof at the nixt generall conventioun, with the nameis of the contrauenearis and penulteis vpliftit fra thame, vnder the paneis contenit in the said act ; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiue.

Abirdeyne.
Impost.

32. The samyn day, granttis and gewis licence to the brugh of Aberdeen to impetrat at our Souerane Lord ane gift of the impost and dewteis following, for reparation of thair heawin and herberie, and to indure for the space of fywe zeiris alanerlie fra the dait of the said gift, that is to say, of ilk twn guidis loissit in the said heawin tak and haue tua schillingis at the incuming, and att the laiding and outgangeing tua schillingis, and of the weschell tuelf peneis for the twn at the incuming, and xij d. at the out gangeing, and this of all sort of geir exceptand coll, lyme, sclaitt, and fre stane, quhilk is ordanit to be fre of the said impost ; Item of ilk chalder vittuall dischargit or loissit in the said herberie, tua s. at the incuming, and of ilk chalder vituall transportet furthe thairof tua schillingis, and of the veshell xij d. ilk chalder in cuming or loissing, and xij d. at hir out gangeing and laiding ; Item, ane trey of ilk hundreth loissit or laidin within the said herberie ; prouyding awyis that thai bestow the said impost vpoun reparatioun of the said herberie, and mak zeirle compt to the burrowis thairof, vnder the pane of xx li. to be payit to the burrowis.

Statute anent
burgessis re-
sorting to fairis
and merkats.

33. The samyn day, vnderstanding that thair is dyuerssis foirstalleris and regratouris quha resortis to fairis and mercattis of free burrowis, calling thame selffis burgessis and fremen of burrowiss, thay nathir beand burgessis bot plane foirstalleris and regratouris, to the grit hurt and preiudice of burrowis, and speciale of the brugh of Aberdeen, at the fairis and mercattis of the schirefdome of the samyn ; for remeid quhair of it is thocht expedient, statute and ordanit, that all merchandis burgessis of quhatsumevir brugh within this realm quha cummis to the somer fairis and mercattis of the said brugh and schirefdome of Abirdein, or to ony vther fre fair or mercatt within the libertie of ane fre brugh, that thay bring and produce with them owther thair ticket of burgeschip, or ellis ane sufficient testimoniall of the deyne of gild of thair brugh testefeing thame to be burgessis actuall induelleris and residentis of that bruch

quhair thay are fre, and gif it be ane fremanis seruand that coms to the saidis fairis and mercattis, by and attour the tiket or testimoniall of his maisteris fredome and residence, to bring and produce alsua with him his maisteris attestatioun, beiring that he is his actuall seruand remayneing in hous at bed and buird with him ; and quhasoewir dois in the contrair heirof that it salbe lesum to ilk fre brugh to persew, arreist, and vse him as ane vnfreman, regratour, or forstaller.

34. The samyn day, anent the complaint of the commissioneris of the brugh of Edinbrugh aganis David Awerie, commissioner for the said brugh of Sanctandros,<sup>Edinburgh
contra Sanct-
andros.</sup> in name of the said brugh, for taking of tua excyse bollis of ry pertening to Iohn Dowgall and William Naper, burgessis and fremen of Edinbrugh, be the prouest, bailleis, and counsall of the said brugh of Sanctandros, thair factouris and customeris, quhilk arryuit and was sauld at the said brugh in Iunij last ; the saidis commissioneris being present, thair ressonis hard and considerit, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis decernis and ordanis the saidis prouest bailleis and counsall of Sanctandros to rander and delyuer to the saidis William Naper and Iohn Dowgall the saidis tua excyse bollis ry or price thairof as the samyn was sauld, becaus the said commissioner compeir and could schaw na ressonabill caus quhairfore he sould noch t haue bene decernit to rander the samyn.

35. The samyn day, anent the complaint gevin in be the commissioner of Sanctandros,<sup>Sanctandros
contra Dundie.
Missiue.</sup> in name of Stewin Philp ane of the bailles thairof, aganis the prouest and bailleis of Dundy for taking fra him of tua excyse bollis xx dayis syne or thairby, it was aleget be the commissioner of the said brugh of Dundy that the said Stewins vituall was in bing with ten last vittuall pertening to the skipper, being vnfre ; quhilk alegeance being denyit be the said commissioner of Sanctandros, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis assignis to the said excipient the day of in the nixt conventioun to prove the samyn peremptorily.

36. The samyn day, the commissioneris of burrowis hes exemit and exemis the brugh of Innernes fra all conventiouns, be southe Aberdein,<sup>Exemptio,
Innernes.</sup> for the space of fyve zeiris nixtocum, prouyding awyis that thai send to ilk conventioun, with the commissioner of the nixt brugh, thair attentik lettre of ratificatioun of all thingis done in the said conventioun, togidder with all soumes of money that it sall happin thame to be restand awand for the tyme to the burrowis, for clerk feyis, agent feyis, or any vther

caus, vtherwyis to be vnlawit as absentis, and that the expenssis that thair commissioner micht haue cost them be bestowit vpoun thair brigis, herbereis, tolbuithis, kirk, and vther maist necessar commoun werkis, and compt to be gevin thairof to the burrowis at the end of the said exemptioun, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li.

Sexto Iulij j^m v^c lxxxxvj.

Statute.
Licences fra
Impost.

THE QU'HILK DAY, the commissioneris of burrowis foirsaidis being conuenit, findis expedient, statutis, and ordanis, that na licence be grantit fra thyne furthe to ony brugh to impetrat of oure Souerane Lord ony sort of impost for reperatioun of thair bulvark, schoreis, and herbereis, or to vtheris thair commoun werkis, except it be specialie prowydit that thai mak zeirle compt of the ressait and employment thairof to the burrowis at thair generall conventioun, and quhen ony licence or gift of impost sall expyre that na new licence be grantit for renewing thairof without compt and rekning be first maid to the burrowis of the former impost contenit in the former gift.

Perth.
Impost.

38. The samyn day, granttis and gewis licence to the brugh of Perth to impetrat of oure Souerane Lord ane gift of the impost following, to be tane at the brig of Erne be thame, to be imployit for vphalding and reparatioun thairof, that is to say ; of ilk horse passand the said brig with ane laid ij d., of ane single hors j d., of ane horse with ane ryding man ij d., of ilk nolt j d., ilk ten sheip j d., of ane burdein j d., and of all vther sort of guidis effeirand to the premissis j d., and this to indure for the space of thre zeiris nixt efter the dait of the said gift, providing awyis that thai mak zeirle compt to the burrowis of the employment thairof, and that it be contenit in thair gift that the samyn sall nocht be renewit qubill compt be maid of the zeiris of the former gift.

Lynlythquow,
Impost.

39. The samyn day, granttis and gewis licence to the brugh of Lynlythquow to impetrat of oure Souerane Lord ane gift of the impost following, to be tane at the brig of Avene be thame, for vphalding and reparatioun thairof, that is to say ; of ilk cairt laid passand ower the said brig aucht penneis, of ilk twme kairt iiij d., of ilk hors laidnit iij d., ilk hors j d., ilk ox or kow j d., ilk ten sheip j d., ane burding j d., and of

all vther sort of guidis effeirand be the premissis j d. and this to indure for the space of thre zeiris nixt efter the dait of the said gift, providing awyis that thai mak zeirle compt to the burrowis of the employment thairof, and lykwyis that it be contenit in thair gift that the samyn sall nocht be renewit quhill compt be maid of the zeiris of the former gift.

40. The samyn day, granttis and gewis licence to the brugh of Kirkcaldy to impetrat of oure Souerane Lord ane gift of the impost following, ^{Kirkcaldy. Impost.} for reparatioun of thair decayit herberie, to be imployit be thame for vphalding and reparatioun thairoff, that is to say : of ilk chalder salt vj d., and of the ship ilk chalder iij d. ; ilk chalder vittuall xvj d., and of the ship viij d. ilk chalder ; of ilk hundreth tymer ane, and the schip or boitt the half daill or half trey ; ilk last fishe tua s., the ship or bark xij d., ilk last hering ij s. the ship or bark xij d., ilk last salmond ij s., the ship or bark xij d., ilk last oylie ij s., the ship or bark xij d., ilk daiker hydis iiij d., the ship or bark ij d, and of all vther sort of guidis effeirand to the premissis ; and this to indure for the space of thre zeiris nixt efter the dait of the said gift, providing awyis that thai mak zeirle compt to the burrowis of the employment thairof.

41. The samyn day, granttis and gewis licence to the brugh of Inner- ^{Innernes. Impost.} nes to impetrat of oure Souerane Lord the gift of the impost following, for reparatioun of thair decayit herbere and brig, to be imployit be thame for reparatioun of the samyn, that is to say : of ilk kow and hors ij d., ilk ten sheip ij d., ilk burding j d., ilk laid geir ij d., ilk hors laid ij d., of ilk barrell guidis arryuand within the herberie ij d., of ilk hundreth laid tymber ane laid, and ane of ilk hundreth treyis or daillis, of ilk ship aboue iij^{xx} twyn xij s., iiij d., ilk ship aboue xl twyn vjs., viij d., ilk ship aboue xx twyn v s., ilk creyar wantand the top mast iij s. iiij d., and of all vther guidis effeirand to the premissis, and of ilk boll salt ij d., and this to indure for the space of thre zeiris nixt efter the dait of the said gift, providing awyis that thai mak zeirle compt to the burrowis of the employment thairof.

42. The samyn day, the commissioneris of burrowis hes exemit and ^{Exemptio, Air.} eximis the brugh of Air fra all generall conventiounis be north Tay for the space of fyve zeiris, prouyding awyis that thai send to the nixt conventioun with the commissioner of the nixt brugh thair autentik lettre of ratificatioun of all thingis to be done in the said conventioun, togidder

with all soumes of mony that it sall happin thame to be restand awand for the tyme to the burrowis, for ony maner of caus, vtherwyis to be vnlawit as absenttis, and the expenssis of thair commissioner be imployit vpoun thair commoun warkis, and compt to be gevin thairto of the burrowis at the end of the said exemptioun, under the pane of ane vnlaw of xl li.

Craill contra
Anstruther
Eister.
Missiue.

43. The samyn day, contenewis the complaint of Craill contrair Anstruther Eister to the nixt generall conventioun, and ordanis baith the pairteis to compeir sufficientlie instructit with thair richtis and ansueris, vnder the pane of xx li., and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Precept, agent,
Nesbett.

44. The said day, the commissionaris of burrowis ordanis Iames Wynram, agent, to ansuer Iohne Nesbet, serwand to Maister Alexander Guthrie, of the sowme of ten pounds for his panes tane in this conventioun, quhilk salbe allowit to the said agent in his comptis.

Kirkcudbright,
support.
Missiue.

45. The samyn day, anent the supplicatioun of the brugh of Kirkcudbright, craweing support to the biging of the brig of Dey besyd thair brugh, ordaneis thame to reporte the guid will of the cuntrey and toun to the nixt conventioun, and ilk brugh to send thairto thair ansuer quhat support thai vill mak to the said werk, and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Commissio, sex
burrowes;
agents compts.

46. The samyn day, gewis commissioun to the sex burrowis appointit to convene at Edinbrugh to heir the comptis of Iames Vynrame, agent, sen his last comptis, and to tak ordour how he salbe payit of the soumeis that salbe fund restand awand to him, and ordanis the said Iames to collect and inbring with all sewerite and delegece the vnlawis of this present conventioun, and rais lettres to thatt effect, and that vpoun the expenssis of the burrowis that ar vnlawit, with certefecatioun to him, and he be fund tryit negligent thairinto before the fyve burrowis, that he salbe depryueit of his office and ane vther put in his place.

Agent
vnlawes.

Elgyne,
exemptio.

47. The samyn day, eximis the brugh of Elgyne fra all conventiounis generall be south the brugh of Mwnros for the space of thre zeiris nixtocum with the provisionis contenit in the exemptioun of Air, and in respect of the skaith sustenit be the said brugh be the toun of Garmok within the boundis of the Laird of Innes declairis and promittis that the said toun sall nocht be inrollit in thair societie before the said brugh of Elgyne be callit and hard to say aganis the samyn and thair consent haid thairto.

48. The samyn day, granttis and gewis to Maister Thomas Malysoun, ^{Precept, agent. Clerk of Abirdeyne.} commoun clerk of Aberdein, the soume of twenty pundis for his panis and trauellis tane in citatioun of the burrowis and at this present conventioun, and to the officeris of the toun the soume of thre pundis, and ordanis James Vynram agent to mak thame payment thairrof, quhilk salbe allowit.

49. The samyn day, deiseritis and dissolueis this present conventioun, ^{Nixt conventioun.} and appoints and affixis thair nixt conventioun generall to be begun and haldin at the brugh of Brunteland the fourt day of Iulij nixt, with contnewatioun of dayis, and ordanis the commissioner for the said brugh to mak aduerteisement to the magistrattis of the samyn, and thai to mak lauchfull wairning to the burrowis be thair missiue as vse is.

50. The samyn day, anent the complaint of Kirkcaldy aganis Brunte- ^{Kirkcaldy contra Brunteland.} land for vplifting of hear dewteis of ankerageis nor is contenit in ane act at Kirkcaldy the xij day of Iunij 1592, the saidis commissioneris of burrowis ordanis the said brugh of Brunteland to decist and ceis fra taking of ony hear dewteis of ankerageis nor is contenit in the said act, fra the said brugh of Kirkcaldy nor na vtheris, vnder the pane of xx li. to be payit to the saidis burrowis sa oft as thai failze.

51. The samyn day, at the eirnest exhortatioun and admonitioun of ^{Statute, diuisioun in parochinis. Missiue.} Maister Peter Blaikburne, minister of this brugh, thai ordane the commissioneris of ilk brugh quhair thair is ony grit congregatioun to desyre thair magistrattis and counsale, in name of the saidis burrowis, for manteyneing and propagatioun of the Ewangell and instructing of thair inhabitantis in the grundis of Cristianity, to dewyid thair citeis in competent parisouns, and provid sufficient pastoris thairto, according to the guid exampill of weill reformeit commoun weillis, and as is begun in dyuers brughis alreddy, as thai wald schaw thame selffis zelous of Godis glorie and acqyre ane perpetuall honour and commendatioun to thame and thair posterite, and to schaw thair delegece thairvpoun at the nixt conventioun generall and this to be ane heid of the missiue.

Thomas Menzes, moderator.
Richard Doby.
Eduerd Galbraith.
Henry Adamson, commissioner.

James Clark.
Robart Pattoune.
William M'Ghe.
William Duncan.

Alexander Rutherford, commis-
sioner.
George Cochrain, commissioner
for Ayr.
I. Durie for Innerkething.
Thomas Pettegrew, commissioner.
Iohne a'Haunay, commissioner
for Vigtoun.
Ihone Wilsone, commissioner in
Montrose.
Walter Cowane, commissioner for
Sterling.

Dawe^t Ewery.
Andro Ker, for Linlythqw.
Iohne Carkettill.
Will. Ramsay, for Brechin.
Ihone Douglas.
A. Broun, for Kingorne.
A. Boyne, commissioner of Elgyn.
Andro Hunter, for Forfar.
I. Anstruther of that ilk, for
Anster.
Abraham Creehtoun.
Ihone Hacket.

Edinburgh.

*In the Particular Conventioun of the Commissioneris of the
sex Burrowis vnder writtin, depute be the Generall
Conventioun of Burrowis, begun and haldin at the
burgh of Abirdein the first day of Iulij I^m v^e foure
scoir saxtene zeiris, to intreit, ressoun, and conclude
vpoun the materis efter specyfeit, conforme to the
nynt, saxtene, nyntene, tuentie ane, tuentie sax, and
forte sax, actis of the said Conventioun Generall, and
appointit to meit at Edinbrugh the xx day of the said
moneth of Iulij, Comperit the said day and place the
Commissioneris of the saidis sex Burrowis, and
producit thair commissiouns, seillit and subscriquit to
that effect, That is to say :*

Edinbrugh, Henrie Nesbet, Thomas Aikinheid; Perth, Patrik Blair, dayne of gild, Iames Adamsoun, thesaurer; Dundy, Robertt Fleschour, merchand; Aberdein, Alexander Rutherford; Lynlythquow, Androw Ker, clerk; Muntros, Iames Makane.

1. The samyn day, the saidis commissioneris electit and constitut the Moderatour. said Henre Nesbett thair moderatour during this present conventioun.

2. The samyn [day], anent the first artikle of the xxvj act of the said King's Grace generall conventioun, anent the kingis Magisteis customeis, efter lang customes. ressoning haid thairvpoun thair superceidit thair finall resolutioun to the conference to be haid with the Lordis of Secreit Counsall and Cheker.

3. ITEM. Anent the second artikle of the said act, concerneing the Raid to the Iles. raid appointit towardis the Iyleis, the saidis commissioneris efter ressoning resolutit to gif thair ansuer to the saidis Lordis in this maner, that the burrowis will obey as the rest of the cuntrey dois that ar subiect to the proclamatioun.

4. ITEM. Anent the third artikle of the said act, concerning the inhabiting. inhabiting of the mowth of Lochquhaber and Iles, thair resolutioun is that, the said Loch and Iles beand maid peciabill, the burrowis sall fynd ane sufficient nvmber to inhabite the samyn.

5. ITEM. Anent the fourt artikle of the said act, for sending to France Imbassatour to France. for renewing the antient legue, fyndis guid to schaw vnto his Magiste and Lordis foirsaid that the present tyme is nocht proper for that purpois, be ressoun the King of France is nocht zit establishit in his crown, he nocht beand at peace nather with his subiectis nor his nichtbouris; and that his Grace customeis are foirsauld for dyuerss zeiris to cum.

6. ITEM. Anent the sext artikle of the said act, concerning the woll Woll, burnecoll. Agent. and burnecoll, and anent the last artikle, concerning the erectioun of the new burrowis, findis guid to meyne the samyn to his Maiestie and Lordis foirsaid, conforme to the conclusioun of the saidis artikleis and to insist thairinto, ordaneing Iames Vynram, agent, to caus mak tua billis to be gevin in thairvpoun.

xxj Iulij j^m v^c lxxxxvj.

7. The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaid being convenit, anent

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Impost in
France.

the sevint artikle of the xxvj act of the last conventioun generall, togidder with the xvj act thair of, concerning Thomas Fischer and the lait impost at Deip, at lenthe mentionat in the saidis actis, compeirit the said Thomas Fischer and declairit that the said impost is ceissit sen Maij last, and promittit to gif compt of the intromissioun thairwith at the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis, or soner gif the saidis burrowis sall requyre, with the quhilk ansuer the saidis commissioneris war satiffeit.

Innerkething.

8. The samyn day, anent the nynt act of the said last conventioun generall, and fyft artikle of the xxvj act thair of, concerneing the commoun rent of the brugh of Innerkeithing, and complaint of certane nichtbouris thair of, compeirit Iohnne Swyntoun and Androw Sprewte, burgessis of the said brugh, for thame selffis and haifand speciall powir of certane thair nichtbouris and conburgessis, and gaue in thair complaint aganis certane of thair bailleis and counsale for setting in few ferme of the commoun landis, ewerie ane of thame to vtheris far within the valour, and for particular guid deid and buddis and specialie the rowme callit the Pratous, and the pece land callit the Greneis, as at mair lenthe is contenit in the said complaint, the said Iohne Swyntoun and Androw Sprewte being present, quha producit ane speciall contract or powir of thair collegis on the ane pairt, and Iohn Broun, baillie, George Durie, clerk, William Blaikburne, Harie Doncane, for thame selffis and the magistrattis and counsale compeirand on the vther pairt, efter lang ressoneing and conference haid in the said mater, the saidis commissioneris, be confessioun and consent of the saidis compleneris, and sua far as thay could lerne and vnderstand, findis that the commoun landis vnderwrittin to witt: the Cruikis, the Mylne and mylne landis, Mylne hill, Brounsyd, Dowloch, the Seikmannis zaird, and tua ruid aboue the kirk, and generale all thair comoun land exceptand as followis, ar sett to the weill of the toun for alewin mark and ane half zeirlie for euerie merk thai payit of befoir and to the ald possessouris, thair being tuelf zeiris takis to ryn at the setting; and anent the said land of Praittdous, thay fynd the samyn nocht to be sett sua ordourlie as neid war, in respect the last takisman haid in effect foirfaltit his tak and na publict rowpping was vsit, zitt the saidis commissioneris for certane consideratiouns moveing thame, and in speciall that Harie Doncane, taker of the samyn, was present and content and consentit, and be thir presenttis band and

oblissit him, by and attour the soumeis alreddy gevin, to pay the commoun guid of the said brugh the soume of ane hundreth pundis, quhairof fife pundis att Mychalmes nixt and the vther fife pundis att Mychelmes nixt thairefter, to be bestowit vpoun the vphald of the herberie ; thairfoir fyndis thay can nocht bot approve the few ferme sett to him of the saidis landis according to the conditiouns of the contract presentlie red and schawin to the saidis commissioneris ; and anent the said pece land callit the Greneis, estemit to ten or tuelf acre, the saidis commissioneris, with consent of the saidis pairteis, ordanis the magistrattis and counsell of the said brugh to sett the samyn in few for the zeirlye dewtie of fourtie pundis, to be payit to the commoun guid, togidder with the soume of foure hundreth merkis of entres siller, quhilk entres is ordanit to be bestowit vpoun the biging of the commoun calsay that passis throw the saidis landis ; and vpoun all and sindre the premissis the saidis defenderis askit actis and instrumentis.

9. The samyn day, anent the nyntene act of the last conventioun ^{Glasquow.} ^{Missiue.} generall, concerneing the erectioun of ane gildre within the brugh of Glasquow, compeirit Thomas Pittigrow, merchand, and Iames Braidwod, ane of the deykins of the said brugh, and productit ane commission sub-scryuit be the provest, bailleis, and comoun clerk of the said brugh, and vnder the commoun seill as appeirit, geweand thame powir to declair that, for, the ressounis thairin contenit, the said mater it is thocht to be ane grit noveltie and appeirand to bring dissensioun amangis thame, and that thay think nane may impose that to thame bot thair superiour and be thair consent, quhairwith thay as zit ar nocht resoluit, ane wechtie mater that heirtofore hes nocht bene interpryssitt, and thairfoir to desyre the samyn to ceis and stay quhill thai all in ane voce be suitteris and resoluit awysetlie thairanent, as at lenth was contenit in the said commissioun ; and the saidis persouns being requyreit gif thai haid ony forther powir to intreit and resoun in the said mater, ansueret that thai haid na forther to speik nor was contenit in the said commissioun, nather wald thai enter in ressoneing with the commissioneris thairvpoun, alegeing thai haid na commissioun sua to do ; quhairby the saidis commissioneris fand that thai refuissit to satisfe the desyre of the said generall conventioun of burrowis, and zit nochtwithstanding thairof the saidis commissioneris offerit to thame the owtdrawcht of the forme of gildre vsit at Edinbrugh

to be careit to thair magistrattis and counsall, to the effect thai might haue bene fullie awyseit thairwith agane the nixt conventioun of burrowis, and thair to haue gevin ane ressoun to ewerie heid thair of; and thairefter the saidis tua commissioneris was at lenth content to accept the samyn to the effect foirsaid; in respect quhair of the saids commissioners hes thocht guid to remitt and continew, and be thir presents remitts and continewis, the said mater to the nixt generall conventioun of burrowes, ordaning the said burch to send twa commissioners for the merchants and crafts to the said conventioun to ressoun thairvpoun and resaue the will and determinatioun of the burrowes thairanent for satisfieyng of the said act of the last conventioun at Abirdeyn, with certificatioun and vnder the paynes contenit thairin; and this to be ane heid of the nixt generall missiue.

Segatt.

10. The sam day, anent the supplicatioun gevin in before the generall conventioun of burrowes, haldin at Abirdeyne in Iulij instant, be Alexander Segatt merchant in Edinburch, makand marratioun of his travellis tayne to the weill of the burrowis as ane commissioner specially deputt, for establisheing of the stapill of oure natioun in Campheir, and that vpoun his awin expenssis, and alsua quhow that he, beand of purpose to haif remanet at Campheir for exerceing the office of ane factour thair, was appoyntet to him the liberty of ane last of Inglis beir and twa pvnscheouns wyne excyse frie, and thairfore seying he wes now to reteir himselff to the said toun of Campheir and remyne and exerce the said functioun, desyring ane recompance of his travellis foresaid, togidder with the said excyse beir and wyne; quhilk supplicatioun wes remittet be the said generall conventioun to the present commissioners, with power to thame to tak ordour thairwith, as at lenth is contenit in the said supplicatioun and delyuerance thair of; with the quhilk the saids commissioners beand advyset thay, be thir presents, grantes and gevis vnto the said Alexander the said ane last Inglis beir and twa pvnscheouns wyne excyse frie, zeirlie, of the reddiest of the said excyse beir and wyne grantet to oure natioun be the said toun of Campheir, ordaning the conseruatour and distributors of the samyn to caus him be ansueret and obeyet thair of induring the will of the generall conventioun of burrowes, and with provisioun that he remayne at the said toun and exerce the office of factour to the natioun

within the samyn; and as to the said recompance thay referit to the consideration of the nixt generall conventioun of burrowes.

xxiiij^o Iulij j^m v^c lxxxxvj^o.

11. The quhilk day, the commissioners foresaid beand convenet, after reasoning vpoun the ansuer to be gevin to his Maieste and Lords of Chekker and Counsall to the articles sent to the generall conventioun, and be the said generall conventioun refeirit to the commissioners present, they cawset pen and form the ansuris vnderwrittin, at desyre of the saidis Lords, to be gevin to tham in writt, ordaning the samyn to be registratt in this present buik : off the quhilk the tenour followes :—

The ansuer maid to the Kings Maiesteis Counsall be the Commissioners of the Burrowes, to the four heids and articles proponet be the saids Lords to the haille Commissioners of Burrowes, assemblat at Abirdeyne the first of Iulij 1596.

As for ansuer to the first heid proponet, concerning the customes quhair it is desyret be thair Lordships that the samyn may be sett doun freyndlie be way of transaction, and nocht be any rigour on other syde, etc.;

1. It is ansueret, the burrowes beand the meynest of the Estaitts can nocht of ressoun nor of dewty tak vpoun thame to sett doun or transact in any mater quhairin the haille Estaitts of the realme hes speciall and grittest interest, and thairfore desyres that our Souerane Lord and thair lordships may be movet to be content that the mater of the customes may be continewet quhill ane parliament as thai ar presently payet, and proponet and decydet in the said parliament, and commissioners appoyntet be the said parliament to that effect, quhair the said burrowes sall do thair debtfull dewty for his Maiesties honour and proffeit.

2. As for ansuer to the second heid concerning his Maiesteis service to the Iles agane the xx of August nixtocum,

It is ansueret : the burrowes will be reddie to serue as becumis obedient subiects as the rest of the cuntrey dois.

3. As for the thrud heid, concerning of ane number to inhabite Loch-quhaber, to quhom his Maiesty will gif greitt preveleges, lands, and liberteis, with help to fortify thame selffes, and to gif protectioun aganes the Heland men, as alsua to inhabite sum other pairt of the Iles as sall be fand commodious far trafficquing.

It is ansueret: the propositioun lykes the burrowes exceiding weill, for mony respects and considderatiouns, honorabill and maist profitabill to his Maiestie and haill kingdom, and thairfore, ane overtour being maid that thais pairts may be maid peacebill, will find owt merchants, craftis-men, and maryners that will pas thair, as being the maist proper and commodious pairt of the cuntry of Scotland.

4. As for the fourt heid, for sending to France and renewing the ancient legue, and obteneing the ancient liberty of merchants,

It is ansueret: that the present tyme is nocht proper for that purpose, be ressoun the king of France is nocht zitt establischet in his crowne, he nocht beand at peace nather with his awin subiects nor with his nicht-bouris, and that his Grace customes ar foirsawld for dyvers zeirs to cum.

xxiiij^o Iulij j^m v^c lxxxxvj^o.

Edinbrugh.
Rest of j^m li.
extent. Agent.

12. The quhilk day, the commissioners foresaids fynds that the greitt taxatioun that wes rayset for the Prynces baptisme extendet for the burrowes pairt to xxv^m merk, and that thair wes collectet mair nor the said sowme, amangs the burrowes, the sowme of four hunder twenty pund twelf schillings fyve penneis according to the extent roll; quhilk sowme, the commissioners all in ane voice fynds to be restand awand in the hands of the toun of Edinburch, and ordanis the said burch to pay the said sowm to Iames Wynrame, agent, in name of the burrowes, or at the leist the hunder and fourty pund thair of as dew debt awand to him preceding the first of Iulij j^m v^c foure scoir fyftein zeirs be the burrowes, conform to his compt fittet at Perth, and the said Iames beand payet thay exoners and discharges the said burch of Edinburch of the superplus of the said rest in thair hands, provyding alweyes thei pay the said Iames betuix

this and the last of August, and failzeing thair of thay ordane the said burch to pay the said James the said haill sowme of foure hunder twenty pund twelf schilling fyve penneis.

Henry Nisbett.

Partrik Blair.

James Adamsone.

Eduerd Galbraith.

R. Flescher for Dundy.

Alex^r. Rutherfurd.

James Macken.

*In the Particulare Conventioun of Burrowes, appoyntet to be begun and haldin at Edinburghe the first day of Aprile the zeir of God j^m v^c foure scoir sevintein zeirs, for the mater of the Kings Grace cutsomes and bulzioun, be vertew of his Maiesties lettre missiue direct thair-
anent, Conwenit the particular commissioneris follow-
ing :—*

Edinbrugh, Richard Dobie, Eduard Galbraith ; Perth, James Adamesoun ; Dondy, Iohn Fynlason, Iohn Traill ; Aberdein, Maister Patrik Cheyne ; Glasquow, James Bell ; Cowpar, James Andersoun ; Dysart, William Carmychaell ; Air, Iohn Poor ; Hadingtoun, James Kirkwod ; Dumbar, Maister Eduard Aickyne ; Elgyne, Alexander Annand, and commissioner for Forres ; James Vynram for Mwnros and Thayne.

Sexto die mensis Aprillis j^m v^c lxxxxvij.

The quhilk day, the commissioneris foirsaidis gewis power and com-
missioun to the present commissioneris of the brughis of Edinbrugh, Perth, Dundy, Couper, or ony thre of thame coniunctlie, to trauell with
on y persoun or persouns quhom thai sall think expedient for sattelling of
the present questioun and mater of the Kingis Maieste custome and

Commissio
Kings Maiestie
cutsomes.

bulzeoun, betuixt this and the fyftene day of Maij nixt, and quhatsamevir expenss or svmeis of money it sall happin thame to mak or deburse in the said caus, to the weill and ease of the burrowis, the comissioneris presentlie convenit for thame selffis and thair saidis burrowis, and in name and behalff of the haill burrowis of this realm, bindis and obliss thame and the saidis haill burrowis to refound and pay the saidis soumeis and expenss agane to the saidis foure burrowis, and vtheris the deburseris thairof in thair nameis and att thair command, and that according to the generall extent roll of the burrowis, ewerie brugh for thair pairt of the samyn. In witnes quhairof thai haue subseryvit thir presentis with thair handis as followis :—

Richard Doby.
 Eduerd Galbraith.
 Iames Adamsons.
 Io. Finlasoun.
 Iohnne Traill.
 Iames Kirkwod.
 Iohnne Power.

I. Andersone.
 W. Carmichaell.
 Iames Wynrame, commissioner
 for Monros and Tayne.
 Alex^r. Annand, commissioner for
 Elgin and Forres.

EXTRACTS FROM RECORDS

OTHER THAN THOSE OF

THE CONVENTION OF ROYAL BURGHS.

I.—*Decree of the Burgesses of Berwick, Edinburgh, Roxburgh, and Stirling, convened at the Abbey of Holyrood, Edinburgh, 10th January 1295.*—From the Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland, vol. i., p. 360.

Diuisio mobilium inter heredes et alios liberos.

Decretum fuit per Burgenses de Berwic, Edinburgh, Roxburgh et Striueling anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo nonagesimo quinto die lune proxima post epiphaniam Domini apud monasterium sancte crucis de Edinburgh quod naues nauicule batelle nec equi alicuius burgensis defuncti nullo modo hereditarie ad heredem spectabunt Set tantum melior palefridus quem ipse burgensis habuerit spectat ad heredem dum tamen non fuerit legatus alicui domui religiose quod si fuerit heres de ratione potest petere meliorem equum post illum Item decretum fuit per eosdem burgensis ibidem quod quilibet burgensis potest legare et conferre arma sua et vtensilia sua cuicumque voluerit in lecto egritudinis et extra saluis heredi suo armis et vtensilibus principalibus.

[It was decretid and ordanit be the worthy and noble burges of Berewyk Edinburghe [Roxburgh] and Sterling the zer of gode^m cc and nyntte v the monunday next efter the epiphanie of our lorde Jehu cryst at the abbay of the haly cros of Edinburghe that is to say that schippis forcastis

or battis na hors of ony burges dede aw on na way to pertene to the ayr herytably bot neuer the less the best palfra fallis to the ayr and he be nocht gyffin to the kyrke or to sume religiouse man thane may the ayr ask the next hors best efter And it was decretyd be the saide consallze that ilk burges may gyf and conferme his armour and his wtensely thingis qwhar euer him thinkis in his dede bede safand to the ayr his armoure wyth other vtensellys principall.]

II.—*Decree of the Court of Four Burghs (Edinburgh, Stirling, Lanark, and Linlithgow,) held at Stirling, 12th October 1405.*—From the Acts of the Parliament of Scotland, vol. i., p. 339.

IN CURIA QUATUOR BURGORUM tenta apud Stirling xii diemensis Octobris Anno Domini M,CCCC,V decretum est quod duo vel tres sufficientes de quolibet Burgo domini Regis ex parte australi aque de Spey sint quolibet anno, secum commissionen habentes, ad dictum Parliamentum quator Burgorum vbicunque tenendum fuerit, ad tractandum ordinandum et determinandum super his omnibus que ad vtilitatem reipublice burgorum vniversorum dicti domini nostri Regis et ad eorum libertates et Curiam dignoscuntur pertinere.

[IN THE COURT OF THE FOURE BURGHEs halden at Stirling the twelft day of the moneth of October, M,CCCC,V It is decreited that twa or thrie sufficient Burgesses of ilk ane of the Kings Burghs upon the south side of the water of Spey hauand sufficient commission compear zearlie to the Convention of the foure Burghes to traite ordaine and determe vpon all things concerning the vtilitie of the common well of all the Kings Burghs their liberties and Court.]

Item quod nullus cujuscunque status fuerit replegiare poterit hominem suum de transgressionem forisstellandi, extra Curiam Burgi vel Itineris Camerarij exceptis his qui habent burgum propinquum vel eis proximum ab antiquis temporibus ad hoc privilegiatum.

[Item that na man of quhat estate he be may repledge his man for foris-tallinge fra the Court of the Burgh or the Chalmerlane air Except them quha hes ane burgh neir adjacent to them hauand privedge in auld times in sic causses.]

Item quod nullus gaudeat libertate burgi nisi habuerit vnam terram hospitatum et distringibilem infra diem et annum post introitum.

[Item that na man sall bruke the libertie and fredome of the burgh bot giff he haue ane land inhabit and streinzeable within zeare and day after his entres.]

Item quod nullus burgensis rure manens habeat lot neque cavil equaliter cum burgensibus inhabitantibus.

[Item na burges dwelland a landwart sould have lot nor cavill with burgeses dwelland within burgh.]

Item quod nullus Templarius debet se intromittere cum aliquibus mercimonijs vel bonis pertinentibus ad gildam emendo vel vendendo infra terram suam vel extra nisi fuerit confrater Gilde.

[Item na templair sall intromet with any merchandise or gudes perteing to the Gilde be buying or selling within or without their awin land bot giff he be ane Gilde brother.]

Item quod duo homines bone fame qui audierunt et viderunt possunt probare quamcunque summam tam excedentem quinquaginta solidos quam infra. Servata tamen forma in lege scripta de burgense ad burgensem qui possunt ponere se ad solum juramentum suum si testes defuerint.

[Item twa men of gude fame quha saw and heard, may proue any summe exceiding fourtie shillinges or within the saumine, Observing alwaies the forme prescryved in the law betwix Burges and Burges quha may sweare be his awin eath gif he hes na witnes.]

Item Ballivus potest omni die exceptis diebus festivalibus cognoscere et corrigere supar fracturam assise panis cervisie et carnum et rebelles et perturbatores infra villam quotiescunque opus fuerit et querela advenerit.

[Item The Baillie may ilk day except it be ane halie day cognosce and correct the breakers of the assise of bread aill and flesh and als the rebelles and perturbers within the burgh als oft as necessitie requyres and complaint is made.]

III.—*Act of the Council and Community of Aberdeen appointing Commissioners to attend a Convention of Burghs at Edinburgh on 12th March 1491—7 March 1491.*—From the Council Records of Aberdeen, vol. vii., p. 243.

The samyn day David Menzeis zonger and Jonhe Colisoun was chosin commissioneris be the consale and communitie to pass to Edinbrughe the xvi day of Merche instant to commoun with vtheris commissioneris of burrowis for the distructioun of the letter of merke gevin to the be the king of Romanis and for the gude of merchandice.

IV.—*Act of a Convention of the Burghs of Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Perth, Dundee, and Haddington, 22d August 1491.*—From the Council Records of Aberdeen, vol. vii., p. 709.

It is avisit ande thoct expedient be the commissioneris of borrowis viz Edinburgh, Abirdene, Pertht, Dundee, Hadingtoun, thar thai be direct ane schap clerk and tua vtheris merchandeis of fasson to the Archiduk of Austria &c. with our Souerane Lordis autorityve writingis and perfit instructionis for remeid tuiching the mater of the letter of merque and the Dukis proclamatioun tuiching the safitt gif thar ony sic be. The personis deuisit to pass at our Souerane Lordis plesour ar thir viz. for the merchandis Schir Thomas Tod provest of Edinburgh, Schir Johne Ruthirfuird alderman of Abirdene.

V.—*Act of the Council of Aberdeen appointing Commissioners to attend a Convention of Burghs, 6th March 1497.*—From the Council Records of Aberdeen, vol. vii., p. 865.

The sext day of Merche the zir forsaid Schir Jonnhe Rutherfurd alderman Thomas Leslie, Iames Colisone, and Alex^r. Gray, wass chosin commissioneris to pass and commoun with vtheris commissioneris of the burghs for the gude of merchandice.

VI.—*Act of the Court of Parliament of Four Burghs held at Edinburgh, 10th November 1500.*—From the Council Records of Edinburgh, vol. i., p. 28.

CURIA PARLIAMENTI QUATOR BURGORUM tenta apud Edinburgum in pretorio eiusdem decimo die mensis Nouembris anno dominio I^m V^c coram nobili et prepotenti domino Alexandro dominio Home magno camerario Scotie secta vocata curia affirmata.

THE QUHILK DAY, it is thocht expedient, and als statute and ordanit, in this court of parliament of foure borrowis, be my Lord Chalmerlane, and with avys of his assessouris and Comissairis of Borrowis, that becaus all borrowis hes bene greitly hourt in tymes bygane be craftismen vsand merchandice within the borrowis, that thairfore the actis of parliament maid in oure Souerane Lordis tyme that last decessit of gude mynd, quhome God assolyze, salbe obseruit and kepit in all poyntis in tyme to cum anent craftismen vsand merchandice within the burch, that is to say, that na craftisman sall vse ony maner of merchandice within the burch bot occupy his awin craft, vnder the pains contenit in the saidis actis of parliament quhilk is x li., and that thair be serchouris chosin within ilk burch, sic as provest eldermen baillies and custumaris, to serche and seik the personis brekeris of the saidis actis of parliament and to rais the panis contenit vpoun thame, and to mak compt thairof in the Chakker. And als it is thocht expedient statute and ordanit be my Lord Chalmerlane and the saidis Comissairis of Borrowis that na persoun pas in Flanderis nor France with merchandice bot he that is burges and induellare within the burch, nor that na personis out burgessis occupy the fredome of the burch nor haunt merchandice without he mak continual residence within the burch and pay his dewteis that accordis him to do thairfore, as vtheris nyctbouris dois within the burch, vnder the pane of x li. to be raisit vpoun the persoun or personis brekar of this act and statute, and that the said pane be raisit vpoun thame be the serchouris and to make compt thairof in lykewayis in the Chekker; and ordanis that ilk burch tak the copy of this act authentikly vnder the clerkis signe and subscription manuell and that thai put the samyn to dew executioun as thai will ansour to the

That na craftis-
men vse mer-
chandice

Kingis Hienes thairvpoun Extractum libro actorum curie parlamenti
quatour burgorum per me Jacobum Petello clericum dicte curie sub meis
signo et subscriptione manualibus

VII.—*Charge by the Provost of Edinburgh to the Craft of Skinners in Edinburgh, following upon Signet Letters dated 8th January 1500, ordaining the preceding Act to be put to execution, 4th December 1500.*—From the Council Records of Edinburgh, vol. i., p. 28.

Quarto die Decembris, anno i^m vc.

Statute—Skin-
neris vse na
merchandice.

The provost, in the Kingis name, chairgit the hale skynn ariscraft that
thai occupie na merchandice, and thair craft efter the act.

COPIA.

Statute—Na
craftsman vse
merchandice.

JAMES, be the grace of God, King of Scottis, To the provost, baillies,
and customaris of oure burch of Edinburch now present and to cum,
greeting, Forsamekill as it is be our Greit Chamerlen and Commissaris of
oure Burrowis, with avyse of thair assessouris in the parliament of oure
burrowis haldin at Edinburch, the tent day of Nouember, the zeir of God
i^m v^c. zeiris, statute and ordauit for the commoun proffeit of our burrowis,
that the actis of parliament made at the tyme of vmquhill our darrest
fader, quhome God assoloze, salbe observit and keepit in all poyntis in tyme
to cum, anent craftsmen vsand merchandice within the burch; That is to
say, that na craftismen sall vse ony maner of merchandice within the
burch, but occupye his awin craft, vnder the pane of ten poundis; to be
rasit vpon the brekeris of the saidis actis, be oure sercheouris, that is to
say, provest, baillies, and customaris within ilk burch: And als, that na
persoun pas in Flanderis nor France with merchandice, but he that is
burges and induellar within the burch, nor that na persoun out burges
occupy the fredome of the burch nor hant merchandice, without he mak
continual residence within burch and pay his dewities that accordis him to
do thairfore, as vtheris nychtbouris dois within burch, vnder the pane of
ten pundis, to be rasit vpoun the brekeris of the saidis actis and statute, be

oure saidis serchouris, and compt maid their of in lykewayis in oure Chekker, like as at mair length is contenit in the saidis actis and statute of parliament of foure burrowis thairvpoun. Our will is heirfore, and we charge zou straitlie, and commandis that ze, with all diligence, putt the said act and statute of parliament of foure burrowis to dew executioun in all poyntis efter the tenour of the samyn, within the boundis of zour office; and that ye diligentlie serch and seik the brekeris of the said act, gif ony be, and rais upoun thame the panys contenit thairin without fauouris, and inbring and mak compt thair of to our Thesaurare in our Chekker zeirlie, according to the said act, as ze will answer to us thairvpoun; The quhilk to do we commit to zow coniunctlie and severallie oure full power be our lettres, deliuering thame be zow sene and understanding and execute as efferis agane to the beirar. Giwen vnder our signet, at Edinburgh, the viij day of Januare, and of our reign the xijj zeir.

VIII.—*Act of a Head Court of the community of Aberdeen and of the Town Council thair of, appointing commissioners to attend a Convention of Burghs at Edinburgh on 12th April 1529,—5th April 1529.*—From the Council Records of Aberdeen, vol. xii., p. 537.

At a Heid Court 5 April 1529.

The said day, the hail town being conuenit within the tolbuith for the maist pairt in thair heid court, dewisit, ordinit, and consentit, all in ane voce that the same counsall suld pas to thair counsaill houss and dewiss quhat commissionaris and how mony suld rid to Edinburch to compeir afor our Souerane Lord his Thesaurar the xij day of April instant, with continuatioun dais to do, determe, and decreit with the laiff of the borrowis commissionaris eftir the tenour of our Souerane Lordis letters directt thairupoun for the common weill of the merchandis of the realme, and to prouid and fynd expensis to the said commissionaris in the esiest way thay can, lest hurtand the guid toun, and the said commissionaris commissioun to be seillit with the commond seill in the best and maist scharp and attentik forme to the effect forsaid, and ordinit the keiparis of the said seill to seill the same, quhilk counsaill chesit Thomas Menzeis and David Ander-

soun, baith thair commissionaris to the effect forsaid, and dewisit and ordinit xx lbs to be deliuerit thame to furneiss thair expensis and seruands, and ordinit quhat necessar expensis tha mak mair thane the said xx lbs to be deliuerit to thame at thair hame cuming agane.

IX.—*Minute of Convention of Burghs held at Edinburgh on 14 April 1529.*—From the Council Records of Aberdeen, vol. xii., pp. 557-562.

The quhilk day, forsamekle as the Kingis Grace and his Lordis of Counsaill has dewisit Maister Ihone Campbell of Lundy to pas in Flanderis to Lady Margret and the Counsaill of Mauchlyne for renouatioun of the peax contrahit betuix the realme of Scotland and the realmis pertening to the Empirour, and sicklik for the renouatioun of the pereuilegis grantit abefor to the merchandis of Scotland and for purchessing of wthir preuilegis necessar for the weill of the realme, and als becauss that throggh misordour and ourseing of the pereuilegis grantit be kingis of Scotland, quhame God pardoun, to the merchandis tharof ar totalie hereit and the tyme of merchandis brocht to confusioun to the grit skaith and dishonour of all the realme; tharfor it is thocht expedient be commissionaris of burrowis conuenit at Edinbrught the 14 day of Aprill instant that the said Maister Ihone haue in commissioun to desyir thir prewiledgis wnderwritin and als that the actis of parliament and the wythir statutis deuiseit and maid be the consent of the haill commissionaris be obseruit and keipit in all thingis as eftir followis in the first—

Item, it is thocht expedient be the commissionaris of burrowis that the said Maister Ihone Campbell sall desyir the haill nacioun of Scotland to be frie in all the Empirouris landis and bondis for anis pament of custum for thar guidis in the toun quhar tha by and sell, and nocht to be compellit to pay ony forthir custum in ony wthir tounis within his realm,

Item, at the said Maister Ihone sall desyir that the nacioun of Scotland bruik thar auld preuilegis anent the payment of thar custum for thar guidis within the Empirouris landis and that tha be na forthir compellit till pay custum than is contenit in thar auld preuilegis being in Ihon

Moffettys handis, conseruatour, quhilkis custowme we wnderstand is bot 6 grit of the sek,

Item, becauss thar is mony merchandis that passis in Flanderis and France quhilkis ar wnhonest and takis with tham thar ewill and wirst clais to the dishonour of the realme, that tharfor the said conseruatour of the nacioun with awiss of the men of guid causs the said personis to mak tham self honest clais effirand to thair faculte, and gif tha refuiss till do the same the conseruatour to tak of thair radiest guidis and mak tham honest clais accordandlie with discretioun,

Item, it is thocht expedient that the actis of parliament tuching salaris be obseruit and keipit that is to say euery merchand saland sall haue half ane last of guidis of his awin or samekle in storage vnder the pane of 10 lib.

Item, that na manner of craftismen within brught sall nor wiss merchandis in tyme to cum nether be thame self nor thar seruandis in thar name within this realme nor without vnder the panis of eschaeting of the said merchandeis the tane half to be applyit to the Kingis wiss and the tothir half to the commond wirkis of the toun quhar tha duell without fauoris.

Item, at na merchand man within this realme occupy of ony man of craft bot vse his awin merchandis without pouertie or mistor constrene him tharto vnder the pane of 10 li. to be takin oup of him alss oft as he wisis the same to be disponit the tane half to the kingis vse and the tothir half to the commond wirk of the toun And that perfit execucioun ma be had herof it is thocht expedient that the conseruatour haue powar to serche and seik all sic personis that salis incontrar the tenour of the foirsaidis actis baith craftismen and vthiris and quhar thar be fundis ane merchand nocht hawand half ane last of guidis according to the saidis act of parliament or ellis ane tikat of the port he cumis fray admittand him tosail the said conseruatour to tak fra thar personis that he findis brakand the said actis as said is 10 lib. Scottis the tane half to be applyit to the Kingis grace and the tothir half to the commoun guid of the toun that he cumis fray.

Item, that na manner of persoun duelland without the Kingis fre burrowis sail nor send ony guidis nor vse ony kynd of merchandeis to sail or send beyond seye in France or Flanderis vnder the pane of escheat of the

guidis the tane half to be applyit to the Kingis vse and the tothir half to the commond guid of the burght that he cumis fray,

Item, it is ordiuit that all thame that ar maid burges within the burgh that vsis bying and selling of merchandeis that tha cum and duell within the burgh and hald the stob and stack within the same within 40 dais nixt heirefter and that oppin proclamatioun be maid at the market croces of euery burght that all sic burges cum within the said burght and mak thar habitatioun and duelling within the said 40 dais vnder the pane of tinsall of thar fredom.

Item, that na outland chapman be maid burges within the burght for vii zeir except he mary ane burges dother or wiff and he bee worth ane hundreth lib. of his awin guidis and ane honest persoun till vse merchandeis and that na burges be maid without the prouest bailzeis and counsall and this to be keipit vnder the pane of twenty lib. to be tane oup of the prouest or bailzies for euery burges that is maid incontrar thairof and at the commissionaris of burrowis tak cognitioun quhar the conwein of euery burght that brakis this statut and to raiss the said panis to be disposit as tha sall think expedient.

Item, at euery burght cheiss zeirlie tua honest merchandmen to serche and se that all their statutis and actis bee keipit and put till execucioun efter the forme of the same and till raiss the panis tharof alss oft as neid beis, and to mak compt thairof as is aboun expremit now to be chosin incontinent and at Michelmas to cheiss zeirlie new serchouris with awiss of the prouest bailzeis and counsail and gif ony of thar personis that ar chosin pas to the saill that tha certife the toun twenty dayis abefoir that tha ma prowid vtheris in thair places quhill thar hayme cuming.

Item, at euery burght at the frauchtying of the schipis tak souerte of the skipeiris of the schipes that tha sall ressaue na sic personis to saill in thai said schipes without tha haue an tikat of the said serchouris vnder thar signet admittand tham to saill vnder the pane of 40 lib. to be tane oup of the said skiparis that salis the tane half to be applyit to the kingis vse and the tother half to the commond wirkis of the toun for the quhilk tha ar frauchtit.

Item, at na merchand man within this realme be merchand till ony craftisman nor wthir wnfrie person quhatsumeuir vnder the pane of eschaeting of thar gudis that tha merchand to the tane half to be applyit to

the Kingis vse and the tother half to the commond weill of the toun and tinsail of thar awin fredom.

Item, gif ony factour do falset or dissaif ony man that he is merchand to vther in selling of his gudis or bying it beand prowit the said factour sall pay all the skaith that ma be prowit that the merchand sustein in his defalt of his awin propir gudis and neuir to occupy fredome nor sail in merchandeis in tymis to cum.

Item, that na skynnaris nor thar seruandis by ony manner of skynniss bot schorlingis and scaldingis wnder the pane of eschait to be tane be the said serchouris the tane half to be applyit to the kingis vse and the tother half to the commond weill of the toun.

Item, at na fleschar sell ony of thar skynniss nor hidis that tha sla nor talloun bot to fre merchandis within the burght, wnder the pane of eschaettin tharof the tane half to be applyit to the kingis grace and the tothir half to the commond wirk of the toun.

Item, that na manner of walcar nor wobster mak ony claith of thar awin to sell agane wnder the pane of eschaeting of the same the tane half to be applyit to the kingis vse and the tothir half to the commond wirkis of the toun.

Item, becauss it is wnderstand that the cordiners dois grit skaith and dissait to the kingis leigis in the ewill barkan of hidis it is tharfor ordinit that na cordonar bark hidis in tyme [to cum] under the pane of eschait of the said hidis fund be thame barkand as said is the tane half to be tane to the kingis vse and the tother half to the towns vse.

Item, it is thocht expedient be the commissionaris that sic personis be chosin prowest and balzies zearlie that ar burges and induellaris within the burght and nane utheris wnder the pane of ane hundreth lib. to the kingis grace and gif ony able person beis chosin and refuss the office that tha sall nocht be able to bruik ony preuliege or fredome of the burght in na tyme to cum and at na burges purchess lordschip nor land nor in na thing tha haue ado incontrar thar nychtbour wnder the pane of tinsail of all fredom tha ma haue of the said burght.

Item, at na Scottis merchand nethir pley nor perseu ane wthir in Flanderis bot before the conseruatour efter the forme of the actis of parliament and he to haue sic like preuileges tharfor as auld vse and wont and siclike as is wsit amangis the burrowis of Scotland.

Item, that the conseruatour haue of ilk sek of gudis brucht of will skynnis hidis and and wtheris gudis four grit siclik as the skiparis takis his fraucht for the sekkis and that the said conseruatour haue no forther interest of the merchandis nor thar gudis bot at he abstene fra all serching of thar gudis and coquet and frauchting bot at the merchandis plesuir.

Item. It is desirit be the kingis grace, for furnesing of the said Maister Ihone in the forsaid erandis, quhilkis concernis the commond weill of merchandis and for obseruing and keiping of the forsaid statutis and preuilegis quhilkis redoundis to the perpetuall honour of the kingis grace his realme and veill of his merchandis, that the burrowis wald furneis for his honour and charg forsaid the sowme of xvj hundreth vncis of siluer maid wirk, the quhilk desyir the said commissionaris thocht resonable, nochtwithstanding tha continewit the ansuer thair of quhill nicht awiss with thar nichtbouris of the burrowis quharfra tha war send, sua that all things ma be done with plesour, and that the said commissionaris conwein and gif thar ansuer in the premissis the xxij day of Aprill instant.

X.—*Act of the Town-Council of Aberdeen, appointing Commissioners to attend a Convention of Burghs at Edinburgh, on 15th March 1530.—6th March 1530.*—From the Council Records of Aberdeen, fol xiii. p. 105.

Be it kend till all men be thir present letters, wss, prouest, baillzeis, counsall. and burgessis of gyld of the said burgh, at command and charge of oure Souerane Lordis letters to wss, be Iohne Coike messingar and schiref in that part, to haue maid constitut and ordanit, and be the tenour of thir present letters, makkis, constituttis, and ordanis honorabill men and oure weilbelouit nichtbouris Thomas Menyes of Petfodalis, and Dauid Andersoun ane of the bailzeis of oure burgh, coniunctlie and generallie, our warray lauchfull and vndoutit commissaris, actoris, factoris, and speciale commissionaris, gevand grantand and committand to thame and to ilk ane of thame our warray lauchfull, full, fre, and plane powar, for wss and in oure name to compear at Edinburgh the xv day of Marche instant nixt, to cum with the laif of the commissaris of burrowis to commone treit and

conclude for the commoune weile of marchandyce, resort and residence of marchandis, preuilegis to be had ordour and honeste thairof to be kept, for the weile and honour of this realme, and how the multitude of wyle salaris may be repressit, and genaralie all and sindrye vther thingis to commoune determe and conclude with the laif of commissaris of burrowis that to the weile of marchandyce salbe thocht necessar, convenient, or expedient, prouiding alwais that our said commissaris neithir renunce nor ouer gif the priuilegis grantit to wss be oure maist nobill prynce, that we salbe fre to pass and repass quhair we sall happin be best treit, hawand and for to hald ferme and stabill all and quhatsumeuir thingis our said commissaris in the premisses redis lauchfullye to be done. In witnes of the quhilk to this oure commissioun we haue affixit our sele at Aberdene the vi day Merch the zeir of God j^m v^c and xxx zeris.

XI.—*Minute of Convention of Burghs held at Edinburgh on 17 March 1533.*—From the Council Records of Edinburgh, vol. i. p. 39-40.

xvij^o Martij I^m V^c xxxiiii^o.

The quhilk day, the prouest baillies and counsale of the burch of Edinburgh, togedder with thair commissaris of burrois vnderwrittin, viz The toun and commissaris of burrois. David Rook and Henrye Richertsoun for Dundie ; Alexander Lindesay, Adam Ramsay, for Perth ; David Grahame and Iames Lausoun for Sanctandros ; Walter Cousland and Duncan Patersoun for Striueling, granttis till pay the sowme of iiij^c l li. greit to the men of Myddilburch and that the burrois be stentit for the samyn.

The quhilk day, it is auisit and concludit be the prouest, baillies and counsale of the burch of Edinburgh, togedder with the commissaris of the burrois of Dundie, Perth, Sanctandros, Striueling, that all the burrois within this realme sall send thair commissaris to this toun and conuene the morn efter Sanct Iames day in somer and thair till avise and decerne anent all maner of thingis conter the commoun weill of burrois and of merchandis and to fynd remeid for taxationis and stenttis that may happen to cum aganis thame, and that ilk burch bring with thame sic articlis and writingis in quhat thingis thai ar hurt in, sua that reforma-

tioun and help may be put thairvntill for the vniuersale weill ; and quhat toun sendis nocht thair commissioun the said day for the effect aboue written sall content and pay to thame that comperis the sowme of fyve pundis but fauouris ; and this is ordanit to be done zeirlie in all tymes to cum sua it be thocht expedient be the saidis commissaris at thair meting.

XII.—*Extent Roll of the Burghs of Scotland, showing allocation among them of 5000 merks, being their proportion of an extent of L.20,000 Scots granted to King James V. by the three Estates for sustaining his honourable expenses in the parts of France—1535.*—From the volume of Extracts from the Records of the Town Council of Edinburgh, preserved in the Advocates' Library, p. 149.

The Extent of twenty thowsand pund grantit to our Souerane Lord be the thre Estaitts for susteining of his honorabill expensis in the pairtes of France in anno domini jm v^cxxxv, off the quhilk the Clergy payis x^m li. the Barrouns x^m merks and the Burrowes v^m merks, Quhilk v^m merks being equallie devydit amangs the burrowis extendis to ilk ane of thame as efter followes :

Edinburgh viij ^c xxxiiij li.	vj s. viij d.	Aberdene . . .	iiij ^c xv li.
Striueling . . .	iiij ^{xx} iiij li. vij s. vj d.	Dundie . . .	iiij ^c xxj li. xvij s. vj d.
Linlythqw . . .	l li. xij s. vj d.	Perth . . .	ij ^c xlvij li. x s.
Rothsay . . .	xxij li. x s.	Banff . . .	xxij li. x s.
Dunbartane . . .	xxviij li. ij s. vj d.	Dunfermeling . . .	xxxiiij li. xv s.
Renfrew . . .	xxxiiij li. xv s.	Craill . . .	xxij li. x s.
Ruglein . . .	xxij li. x s.	Forfare . . .	xvj li. xvij s. vj d.
Air . . .	lxxviij li. xv s.	Brechein . . .	lvj li. v s.
Irwine . . .	xlvi li.	Montros . . .	iiij ^{xx} x li.
Dunfreis . . .	lvj li. v s.	Elgein . . .	xxxiiij li. xv s.
Glasqw . . .	iiij ^{xx} vij li. x s.	Innernes . . .	lvj li. v s.
Kirkcudbrycht . . .	xxxiiij li. xv s.	Aberbroth . . .	xlvi li.
Wigtoun . . .	xxxiiij li. xv s.	Sanctandrois . . .	j ^c li.
Qubithorne . . .	xxxiiij li. xv s.	Cowpare . . .	iiij ^{xx} x li.

Lanerke . . .	xxviiij li. ij s. vj d.	Culane . . .	xj li. v s.
Iedburgh . . .	xxxiiij li. xv s.	Fores . . .	xxviiij li. ij s. vj d.
Selkraig . . .	xxij li. x s.	Narne . . .	xj li. v s.
Hadingtoun . .	j ^e j li. v s.	Thane . . .	xvj li. xvij s. vj d.
Northbervik . .	xj li. v s.	Dysart . . .	xxxix li. vij s. vj d.
Dunbar . . .	xxij li. x s.	Kirkcaldy . .	xxij li. x s.
Lawder . . .	xxij li. x s.	Peblis . . .	xxij li. x s.

This in the begynning of the Convict Buik begynnand in Iunij 1535 quhair thair is ane vther roll of ane generall extent of vj^m li., the burrowes j^m li. deuidit neirly the sam ordour, bot it is revin.

XIII.—*Minute of Convention of the Burghs of Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth, and St Andrews, held at Edinburgh on 18 Dec. 1539.*—
From the Council Records of Edinburgh, vol. i. p. 42.

xviii^o Mensis Decembris I^m V^e xxxix^o.

The quhilk day, in presence of the prouest baillies consale and men of gude of this burgh of Edinburch, that ar to say Symon Prestoun, prouest, James Carmychell, William Rynde, Ihonne Achesoun, William Sym, baillies, Ihonne Fouller, Robert Grahame, Robert Watsoun, Andro Mowbray, James Makgill, Robert Bruce, of the counsale, Ihonne Dougall, thesaurer, Ihonne Purwes dene of gild, William Adamsoun, Alexander Adamsoun, William Vddert, Gilbert Lauder, Patrik Tennand, Mongow Tennand, Thomas Vddert, Ihonn Fairlie, with the men of gude, with the commissaris of the burrois following, viz., Thomas Meinzes prouest of Abirdene, and Alexander Gray, for the burch of Abirdene; James Wedderburn, Henry Wedderburn, and Thomas Forster for Dundee, Ihonn Cristesoun, William Pittillo, and Thomas Flemying for Perth; Maister William Arthur, and Ihonne Mwtto for Sanctandros, convenit be command of our Souerane Lordis letteris directt anent thair conventioun this day, to treit and avise anent the stapill desyrit be the toune Antuerpe to be with thame in tyme cuming, Comperitt Maister William Thomsoun, channoun in oure Lady Kirk of Antuerpe, schawand and declarand in presence foresaid that, be the

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letteris direct to this said toun of Edinburgh be the said toun of Antuerpe and Lordis thairof, he had credence be tounge to schew the saidis commissaris of burrois, viz., that quhat priuelegis the burrois of this realme havand thair stapill in Antuerpe desyrit thairfor to thair natioun of the said toun of Antuerpe wald be granttit to thame sendand thair tua commissaris to that effect, sua that the samyn hurt nocht the commoun weill of Antuerpe, nochtwithstanding and attour the articlis send with him in speciall, and that the said burch of Antuerpe and Lordis thairof desyrit effectuislie the cuming and confluence of the natioun of Scotland and merchantis thairof to thair port to fulfil thair desyris ressonable, nocht hurtand the said toun of Antuerp thairfor.

Staple.

The quhilk day, the hale commissaris of burrois desyrit the copie of the articlis, and delay to schew the samyn ilk ane to thair communitie of the burch that constitute thame, and in speciall the burch of Abirdene and commissaris thairof declarit thay on na wyse wald consent to changeing of the stapill vnto the tyme thay had the cople of the priuelegis contenit in the articlis, and delay to consult with thair nychtbouris of thair burch thairupoun; and the commissaris of Dundee declarit thair commissioun wes nocht extendit to consent to ony change of stapill and conformyt thame thairfor to thair commissioun and to thair nychtbouris of Abirdene; the commissaris of Perth and Sanctandros offerit thame rady to consult with the prouest baillies of this burch for the commoun weill of the merchantis and desyrit the copie of the saidis articlis to the effect forsaid and dilatioun to avise with thair nychtbouris.

Staple.

The quhilk day, the prouest baillies counsale and men of gude of this burch of Edinburgh abouewrittin, consenttit to the change of thair stapill conforme to the concorde to be tretit and priuelegis to be granttit with the consenttis of this burch and Antuerpe thairupoun, being alwayis vnoblist or bundin to remane with Antuerpe at stapill bot to be fre euer thairof to pas quhair plessis thame and beis best tretit in all tymes cuming.

XIV. *Act of the Town Council of Aberdeen, appointing a Commissioner to attend a Convention of Burghs, 25th March, 1541.*—From the Council Records of Aberdeen, vol. xvj., p. 764.

25th March 1541.

The said day, the counsell ordanis ane commisioun to be maid vnder the tovnis gryte seill, to Andro Menzies, thair commissioner in that part, to convene with the commissioneris of the laity of the burrowis, and to consult and devisse ane herald to be sent to the king of France for doon-getting of the gryte [imposition]; and to modefy his expenses for thair part, and to consult vpon ane port in their parts of Zeland quhair all the merchandis sell hant, and stapill beand euir frie, and nocht bunding nor thirlet to ane stapill, and all other things necessar.

XV.—*Minute of Convention of Burghs, held at Edinburgh on 2d April 1541.*—From the Council Records of Edinburgh, vol. i., p. 44.

Secundo, Apprilis 1^m vc. xli.

The quhilk day, the prouest, baillies, and counsale of the burch of Edin-^{Stapill.} burch, with the commissaris of burrois vnderwritten, that ar to say, the comissaris of Aberdene, Perth, Striueling, Linlithqu, Dundee, comperand anent the materis concerning the commoun weil of the hail burrois in the Tolbuth of Edinburgh, and in speciall anent their stapill: Consentis and thinkis at the nixt mercat to pass to the port and toun in Flandaris of the Dukis landis that will gyf and grant to thame maist and greitast priuelegis; and gyf it war the Kingis Grace plesour erar to Myddilburch nor Campheir, sua that the toun of Campheir grantit nocht nor gaif thame larger priuelegis nor Myddilburch; and anent the doungetting of the xij. d. and new ^{Doungetting of the xij d. in France.} imposition maid in France thair of upon ilk frank, consenttis that gif ane greit personage be directit fra the Kingis Grace to the King of France for doungetting of the saidis xij. d., that they sall extent thairfor as efferis; and gyf ane personage of les degre beis directit, consenttis till do thairin

as the burch of Edinburch, thay being referrit thairto; and thinkis expedient till advertice oure Souerane Lord for expeditioun in the mater, because it concernis the hale burrois and commoun weill thairof.

XVI.—*Allocation among the Burghs of L.2666. 13s. 4d. Scots, being their proportion of an extent of L.16,000 Scots granted by the Three Estates of Scotland for supplying and sustaining of the West and Middle Borders.*—From the volume of Extracts from the Records of the Town Council of Edinburgh preserved in the Advocate's Library, fol. 150.

In the hinderend of the Convict Buik begynnand in Iunij 1535 is the Taxt Roll following insert as followes:

The extent of xvj^m li. grantit be the Thre Estaittes of Scotland for suppleing and sustening of the West and Middel Bordouris, viz., viij^m till be payit be the Spirituality, v^m iij^c xxxiij li. vj s. viij d. be the Barrouns of the realme, and ij^m vj^c lxxvj li. xiiij s. iiij d. be the Burrowes, till be devydit particularlie ilk ane their awin pairt, conform till the auld stent and rollis as after followes:

Edinburgh j ^m merk.	Aberdene . ij ^c liij li.
Stirling . lxxvij li. vij s. vj d.	Dundie iij ^c xxxvij li. ix s. vij d.
Linlythqu . xl li. x s.	Perth j ^c iiij ^{xx} xviij li.
Rossay . xviij li.	Banff . xviij li.
Dumbartane xxij li. viij s. vj d.	Dunfermling xxvij li.
Ramfrow . xxvij li.	Carrale . xviij li.
Ruglin . xviij li.	Forfare . xiiij li. x s.
Air . lxiij li.	Brechane . xlv li.
Irwyne . xxxvj li.	Montrose . ii ^{xx} xij li.
Drumfreis . xlvj li.	Elgein . xxvij li.
Glasgw . liiij li.	Innernes . xlv li.
Kirkcudbright xxvij li.	Arbroth . xxxvj li.
Quhithorne . xxvij li.	Sanctandrois iiij ^{xx} li.
Lanerk . xxij li. viij s. vj d.	Cowper . iij ^{xx} xij li.
Jedburch . xxvij li.	Culane . ix li.

Selkirk	xviiij li.	Forais	xxij li. viij s. vj d
Hadingtoun	iiij ^{xx} j li.	Narne	ix li.
Northbervik	ix. li.	Tayne	xiiij li. x s.
Dunbar	xviiij li.	Dysart	xxxj li. x s.
Lawder	xviiij li.	Kirkcaldy	xviiij li.
Peblis	xviiij li.	Summa lateris j ^m iiij ^c xliiiij li. viij s. ix d	

Summa lateris j^m iiij^c lj li. vj s. xd.

The haill sowme extendis till
ii^m vi^c iiiij^{xx} xv li. xliii s. vii d.

In the same buik immediately hereafter is ane taxt roll of xij^c li. grantit be the burrowes, bot the leiff is mekill reivin.

XVII.—*Allocation among the Burghs of 2454 crowns, being their proportion of a taxation of 2400 crowns of the sone for furnishing of the Embassy toward the Emperor, for Peace. 25th August 1550.*
—From the volume of Extracts from the Records of the Town Council of Edinburgh, preserved in the Advocate's Library, fol. 148.

The taxatioun of xxiiij^c crownis of the sone, desyret by my Lord Governour and Counsale, for furnessing of the toward the Empriour for peax, diuidit as followes amangis the haill burrowes of this realme. 25 Augusti 1550. This amangis the lowse leffis of this daitt.

Edinburch	vj ^c cr.	Abirdene	ij ^c xxvj cr.
Striueling	lx cr.	Dundie	iiij ^c iiij cr.
Linlythqw	xxxvj cr.	Perth	ix ^{xx} cr.
Rothsay	xvj cr.	Bamff	xvj cr.
Dumbartane	xx cr.	Dumfermling	xviiij cr.
Renfrew	xxiiij cr.	Craill	xvj cr.
Ruglein	xvj cr.	Forfair	xij cr.
Air	lvj cr.	Brechane, ...	xl cr.
Irwyne	xxxij cr.	Montros	lxiiij cr.
Dumfreis	xxiiij cr.	Elgein	xxiiij cr.
Glasqw	lxiiij cr.	Innernes	xl cr.

Kirkcudbrycht . . .	xxiiij cr.	Abirbrothok . . .	xxxij cr.
Wigtoun . . .	xxiiij cr.	Sanctandrois . . .	lxxij cr.
Quhythorn . . .	xxiiij cr.	Cowper . . .	lvij cr.
Lanerk . . .	xx cr.	Culane . . .	vij cr.
Jedburch . . .	xxxvj cr.	Fores . . .	xx cr.
Selkirk . . .	xxiiij cr.	Nairn . . .	vij cr.
Peblis . . .	xxiiij cr.	Thayne . . .	xij cr.
Hadingtoun . . .	lxxij cr.	Dysart . . .	xxvj cr.
Norbervik . . .	vij cr.	Kirkcaldy . . .	xxvj cr.
Dunbar . . .	xvj cr.	Hamiltoun . . .	xx cr.
Lawder . . .	xvj cr.		

Summa ii^m iii^c liiii crownis

among the sam leiffis is ane vther extent roll of the haill burrowes on ane lowse leiff in anno 1535.

XVIII.—*Act of the Community of Aberdeen appointing Commissioners to attend a Convention of Burghs at Edinburgh, on 16th January 1555.*—From the Council Records of Aberdeen, vol. xxii., p. 211.

16 Dec. 1555.

The said day, the haill toune beand conuenit for the maist part chesit electit Thomas Menzes prouest Maister Robert Lumsden and Gilbert Collisoune or ony twa of them coniunctly thair commissionaris lauchfull and irren-scalleit to compeir and conuene with the remanent commissionaris of the free burghis of Scotland in Edinburcht vpoun the xv day of Ianuar nixt to cum, conforme to ane writting of our Souerane Lady Marie Quene Deowirar off Scotland and Regent of the same, directit and send to the prouest baillies and communitie for the said burght or quhatsumeuer vthir day or dais place of or plaicis conuenient quhen and quhair the Quenis Grace and commissionaris forsaid thinkis expedient for dressing of appouintment and stancheyng of all debait and contrauersie betwix the fre merchandis and craftismen of all borrowis of this realme for vnite and concord to be amangis thame perpetualie in tymes cumyne; And alsua to consult, awyss, disput, and reasoune vpoun all sic thingis as concernis the fredom, libertie, preuelege, and publick weltht of all borrowis of the realme

and for to do, trait, determe, and conclud thairupoun for the commond weil of the same, and forthir to complayne and expoyne the hurtis, dampnage, and skaith done in tymes bygane to the burrowis forsaid and specially to this burght of Aberdene aganis the strynth of thair ald priuelegis and infetmentis, and for to laubour remeid therein sa far as ma be had, and for to grant to giff ane compositioun propyne and gratitud to our said Souerane Lady as otheris commissionaris off burrowis dois, and grantis ffor reformacioun in tyme cuming of the hurtis, dampnagis, and skaithis done to the burrowis in tymis bygane, restitutioun of them to thair ald immuniteis and liberteis and approuing, ratifying, and confermyng of thair ald preuilegis and infetmentis, and generally to do all thingis concernyng the premisses that the haille communite forsaid mycht do gyf thai war all present in propre personis promittand faithfully to hald ferme and stabill all and quhatsomeuer thingis thair thrie commissionaris or ony twa of thame coniunctly lauchfully redis to be done in the premisses, and ordanis ane commissioun to be mad to thame vnder the tovnis commond seill thairupoun.

XIX.—*Precept by Queen Mary, dated 5th June 1556, directing the Provost and Bailies of Edinburgh to stent and tax the Burghs in the sum of £666 13s 4d, granted to her Majesty on 9th May 1556, with the Stent Roll following thereon.*—From the Volume of Extracts from the Records of the Town Council of Edinburgh, preserved in the Advocates' Library, folio 151.

In presence of the baillies sittand in iugement Patrik Dauidsoun presentit ane writting of the Quenis Grace of the tenour following viz.: Prouest and baillies of Edinburgh, This owre writting sene ze shall incontinent after the sicht hereof convene with zoure counsall to stent and taxt the haill burrowes of this realme to the sowme of vj^o lxvj li. xiiij s. iiij d. grantit to us the ix day of May last bypast as ze will ansuer to us thairvpoun. Subscryuet with oure hand at Edinburgh the 5th of Iunij 1556 zeiris. Conform to the quhilk writting the baillies and counsall maid this extent following conforme to the auld rollis viz.

Edinburch	j ^c lxvij li. xiiij s. iiij d.	Abirdene . .	lxiiij li.
Striueling . .	xvj li. xvj s. x d.	Dundie . .	lxxxiiij li. vij s. vjd.
Linlythgw . .	x li. ij s. vij d.	Perth . .	xlx li. x s.
Rothsay . .	iiij li. x s.	Bamff . .	iiij li. x s.
Dumbartane . .	v li. xij s. j d.	Dunfermling . .	vj li. xv s.
Renfrew . .	vj li. xv s.	Craill . .	iiij li
Ruglein . .	iiij li. x s.	Forfare . .	iiij li. vij s. vj d.
Air . .	xv li. xv s.	Brechein . .	xj li. v s.
Irwyne . .	ix li.	Montrose . .	xviij li.
Glasqw . .	xiiij li. x s.	Elgein . .	vj li. xv s.
Kirkcudbrycht . .	vj li. xv s.	Innerness . .	xj li. v s.
Wigholm . .	vj li. xv s.	Abirbrothok . .	ix li.
Quthiorn . .	vj li. xv s.	Sanctandrois . .	xx li.
Lanerk . .	v li. xij s. i d. 3	Cowper . .	xviij li.
Iedburch . .	vj li. xv s.	Culane . .	xl v s.
Selkirk . .	iiij li. x s.	Foress . .	v li. xij s.
Peblis . .	iiij li. x.	Nairn . .	xl v s. j d. 3
Hadingtoun . .	xx li. v s.	Thayne . .	iiij li. vij s. i d.
Northbervick . .	xl v s.	Dysart . .	vij li. xviij vj d.
Dunbar . .	iiij li. x s.	Kirkcaldy . .	iiij li. x s.
Lawder . .	iiij li. x s.	Summa . .	iiij ^c iiij li. ij s. 3
Drunfreis . .	xj li. x s.		

Summa iiij^c xxxix li. xvj s. xj d.

Summa Totalis vi^c lxxv li. xviii s. xi d. 3.

This in the Counsel buik 5 Iunij. 1556.

XX.—*Allocation by the Town Council of Edinburgh among the whole Burghs of a sum of £2188 14s 8d Scots, disbursed on account of the Burghs, 2d September 1556.*—From the Volume of Extracts from the Records of the Town Council of Edinburgh, preserved in the Advocates' Library, folio 151.

The baillies and counsale vnderstanding that ane venerabill man Gavyne Commendatour of Kylwynning and Iames Maxuell burges of

Rowane hes debursit greitt sowmes of money respectiue for the down getting of the xvj deneiris of ilk frank wairing of guidis coft be Scotts merchants in Rowane and Deip by the four deneiris payit be thame as the said Commendatour and Iames comptis respectiue hard sene and sub-scryuet be certane commissioneris of burrowes depute and the sam thairto producet afor the said baillies and counsale proportit be the quhilk thai fand that the said Commendatour and Iames had debursitt in the effairis foresaidis the sowm of foure thousand ane hundreth fourty foure frankis xlvij s. ix d. money of France, and becaus in ane ordinance maid be the hail burrowes of before it wes ordanit be thame that the saidis compts beand hard and considerit that ane generall extent sald be set on the hail burrowes for payment of the said sowmes debursit be the saidis persouns as said is for payment thairof Quhairfore the saidis baillies and counsall extentit the said sowme particularly as followes vpoun the hail burrowes of this realme conform to the awld rollis of extent, viz :—

Edinburch	v ^c xlj li. xij s. iij d.	Abirdene	. ij ^c iij li. xv s.
Striueling	. liij li. xij s. viij d. 3	Dundie	. ij ^c lxxij li. iij s. j d.
Lynlythqw	xxxij li. xvij s. j d. 3	Perth	. j ^c lx li. xvij s. vj d.
Rothsay	. xiiij li. xij s. vj d.	Bamff	. xiiij li. xij s. vj d.
Dumbartane	xviiij li. iij s. v d.	Dunfermling	xxj li. xvij s. ix d.
Renfrew	. xxj li. xvij s. ix d.	Craill	. xij li.
Ruglein	xiiij li. xij s. vj d.	Forfair	. x li. xix s. iij d. 3
Air	. . lj li. iij s. ix d.	Brechane	. xxxvj li. xj s. iij d.
Irwyne	. xxix li. v s.	Montrose	. lxviij li. x s.
Glasqw	. xliij li. xvij s. vj d.	Elgein	. xxj li. xiiij s. ix d.
Kirkcudbrycht	xxj li. xvij s. ix d.	Innerness	xxxvj li. xj s. iij d.
Wigtoun	. xxj li. xvij s. ix d.	Abirbrothock	xxix li. v s.
Quhithorne	xxj li. xvij s. ix d.	Sanctandrois	lvx li.
Lanark	. xvij li. iij s. v d.	Cowper	lvij li. x s.
Iedburch	xxj li. xvij s. ix d.	Culane	. vij li. vj s. iij d.
Selkirk	. xiiij li. xij s. vj d.	Fores	xviiij li. iij s.
Peblis	. xiiij li. xij s. vj d.	Nairne	. vij li. vi s. iij d.
Hadingtoun	. lxxv li. xvj s. iij d.	Thayne	. x li. xix s. iij d. 3
Northbervik	vij li. vj s. iij d.	Dysart	xxv li. xj s. x d. 3

Dunbar	.	xiiij li.	xij s.	vj d.	Kircaldy	.	xiiij li.	xij s.	vj d.
Lawder	.	xiiij li.	xij s.	vj d.	Summa	j ^m lxxxx li.	xiiij s.	viiij d.	3.
Dunfreis	.	xiiij li.	xij s.	vj d.					
Summa	j ^m lxxxxviiij li.								

Summa Totalis ii^m i^o lxxxviii li. xiiii s. viii d. 3.

Counsale Buk 2 Septembris 1556.

XXI.—*Act of the Town Council of Edinburgh following on Order of the Privy Council, dated 9th April 1557, directing them to allocate among the Burghs £10,000, being their proportion of an extent of £60,000 Scots, for defraying the charges of the Queen's marriage with the Dauphin of France and allocation following thereon, 6th September 1557.*—From the Volume of Extracts from the Records of the Town Council of Edinburgh, preserved in the Advocates' Library, folio 152.

The prouest baillies and counsell convenit at command of the writting vnder wrettin and presentit to thame be the Justice Clerk, off the quhilk the tenour followes: Apud Edinburch ix die mensis Aprilis 1557. The quhilk day forswamekill as the Lordis beand assemblit at the last conventioun in Striueling the last day of Marche last for the honourabill mariage to be completit betuix our Souerane Lady and the Dolphin off France and setting forward of the hie and wechtie caussis thairof and for performing of the honourabill chaarges thairof and of the nobility that sall happin to be present at the doing of the same and for vther resonabill and effectuous caussis contenit in the acts maid be the said Lordis, hes concludit devyset and ordanit that ane taxt of thre scoir thowsand punds be raisit and vplifted vpoun this realme, that ane half thairof be the Spirituall estaitt and the vther half be the Temporall estaitt; quhairof the burrowes pairt of the sam extendis to the sowm of ten thowsand pund to be payet at the termes following, that is to say, the sowm of ij^m v^c li. at the xv day of Iulij nixt to cum, vther ij^m v^c li. at the feist of Pasche nixt after following, vther ij^m v^c li. at the feist of Michaelmes nixt after followand, and the sowm of ij^m v^c li. in compleitt payment of said sowm of x^m li. at the feist of Pasche nixt thair-after followand, and hes ordanit lettres to be direct to command and chaarge the prouest aldermen and baillies of all the burrowes of this realme that thai

inbring and delyuer the said sowm of ij^m v^o li. at euery ane of the termes foresaidis to _____, collectour thairto and his deputs, vnder the payne of rebelloun, and failzeing thairof ony of the said termes being bypast to putt thame to the horne, as at mair lenth is contenit in the saidis acts maid be the said Lordis thairvpoun. Thairfore the Lordis of Counsall ordanis commands and chairges the prouest baillies and counsall of the burch of Edinburch that thai with all diligence conuene and taxt all and sindry the burrowes within this realme, ilk ane efferand to thair pairts of the foresaid sowm of x^m li., to be payet at the termes respectiue above specifit, and the samyn beand maid ordanis lettres to be direct charging all and sindry the prouests aldermen and baillies of the said burrowes that thai and ilk of ane of thame respectiue inbring and delyuer thair pairts of the said sowm quhilk thai sall happin to be taxit to at euery ane of the termes foresaidis to the foresaid collectour and his deputs vnder the said payne of rebelloun and putting of thame to our horne, and failzeing thairof, ony of the saidis termes beand bypast, to denunce the disobeyares oure Souerane Ladeis rebellis and putt thame to the horne, provyding alwayes that ze tak consideratioun of the greitt ruynes poverty and decay of the burch of Hadingtoun and mak modificatioun of thair taxt and augment and lay the sam vpoun vthers burrowes nocht brynt nor destroyet and conforme to the Quenis Grace and Lordis mynd declaret thairvpoun. *Sequuntur subscriptiones Dominorum Consilij.* CASSILLIS, Thesaurer. BALLENDEN. Quhilk beand considerit and efter dyuers consultatiouns had thairvpoun, and speciallie anent the supplie to be done to the said burch of Hadingtoun conform to the tenour of the said writting, fyndes that of the haill extent mentionat in the said writting to be vplifted of the haill burrowes extending to x^m li. the town of Hadingtoun mon pay thairof ij^o iij li. xij s., and for support of the said town of Hadingtoun beand brynt and destroyet the saidis prouest baillies and counsall hes extenit aboue the haill sowme of x^m li. vpoun all the burrowes ilk ane efferand to thair pairt except Edinburch the sowm of j^o vj li. iij s.; quhilk superexcessence the saidis prouest baillies and counsall ordanis to be vplifted and swamekill tane off the extent of Hadingtoun, and becaus thair is na superexcessence on the burch of Edinburch by thair iust fourt pairt, and having consideratioun of the poverty and decay of Hadingtoun ordanis vther l li. to be tane of the extent of Hadingtoun and swamekill augmentit to the extent of Edinburch

at this tyme allanerly, and swa the extent of Hadingtoun to be allanerly of the haill x^m li,—j^c xlvij li., ix s. Anent the rest of the burrowes thair particulare extents followes, viz :—

Edinburch . . .	ij ^m v ^c l li.	Abirdene . . .	ix ^c xlv li.
Striueling . . .	j ^c liij li. xij vj d.	Dundie . . .	j ^m ij ^c lxxv li. xj s.
Linlythqw . . .	j ^c lj li. xvij s. vj d.	Perth . . .	vij ^c xliij li. x s.
Rothsay . . .	lxvij li. x s.	Bamff . . .	lxvij li. x s.
Dunbartane . . .	iiij ^{xx} iiij li. xvij d.	Dunfermling . . .	ij ^c j li. v s.
Renfrew . . .	j ^c j li. v s.	Craill . . .	lx li.
Ruglein . . .	lxvij li. x s.	Forfare . . .	l li. xij s. vj d.
Air . . .	ij ^c xxxvj li. v s.	Brechane . . .	j ^c lxxvij li. xv s.
Irwyne . . .	j ^c xxxv li.	Montros . . .	ij ^c lxx li.
Glasqw . . .	ij ^c ij li. x s.	Elgyn . . .	j ^c j li. v s.
Kirkcubrycht . . .	j ^m li. v s.	Innernes . . .	j ^c lxxvij li. xv s.
Wigtoun . . .	j ^c j li. v s.	Abirbrothok . . .	j ^c xxxv li.
Qubithorn . . .	j ^c j li. v s.	Sanctandros . . .	iiij ^c li.
Lanerk . . .	lxxxiiij li. xvij d.	Cowper . . .	ij ^c lxx li.
Jedburch . . .	j ^c j li. v s.	Culane . . .	xxxiiij li. x s.
Selkirk . . .	lxvij li. x s.	Fores . . .	lxxxiiij li. xvij d.
Peblis . . .	lxvij li. x s.	Nairn . . .	xxxiiij li. x s.
Hadingtoun . . .	j ^c xlvij li. ix s.	Thayne . . .	l li. xij s. vj d.
Northbervik . . .	xxxiiij li. x s.	Dysart . . .	j ^c xvij li. ij s. vj d.
Dunbar . . .	lxvij li. x s.	Kirkcaldy . . .	lxvij li. x s.
Lawder . . .	lxvij li. x s.		
Dunfries . . .	j ^c lxxxiiij li. xvij s.		

XXII.—*Precept by Queen Mary and the Privy Council relative to the mode of extending the inhabitants of Burghs allowed to remain away from the Royal Army. 16th Sept. 1557.*—From the volume of Extracts from the Records of the Town Council of Edinburgh preserved in the Advocates' Library fol. 153.

In presens of the prouest baillies counsall and deykins of craftis comperit ane werschipfull man Maister James Macgill of Rankkelour Nether, Clerk of Register, and producet the Queenis Grace writting subseruyet with

hir Hienes hand, off the quhilk the tenour followes ; Apud Edinburch xvij Septembris 1557 : Forswamekill as it is vnderstand to the Quenis Grace and Lordis of Secreitt Counsall that to the proclamatioun of the airmy the mennis persouns ar subiect and thameselffis haldin to pass furth conform to the chaarge ; thairfore it is thocht resonabill that gif the Quenis Grace grantis licence to ony burrowis to remayne at hame and to that effect takis ordour with thame that the inhabitantis be nocht stentit of the awld fassioun of stenting within burch bot that ilk man be taxit conform to his hability and gudis be him self quhidder he be craftisman or merchant without respect. xvij Septembris 1557.

XXIII.—*Act of the community of Aberdeen appointing a Commissioner to attend a Convention of Burghs at Edinburgh. 7 February 1563.*—From the Council Records of Aberdeen vol. xxv. p. 202.

The said day, the haill toun being warnit to this day be the hand bell, and compeiring for the maist part within the tolbuith of the same, nominat and electit Thomas Nicolsone, bailze, to pas to Edinburcht vpon the townis expensis, with sic commissione as sall be gewin him, vpon the contentis of ane bill send be the prowest baillies counsall and communite of Edinburcht to this toune, and thair to concur with the commissioneris of the rest of the borowis vpon the contentis of the said commissione for the commond weill of the said burght as vtheris dois at that present, and ordanis the dayne of gild to ansuer the said Thomas of the sowme of for making of his expensis, quhilk sallbe allowit to him in his next compt.

XXIV.—*Minute of Convention of Burghs held at Edinburgh on 24th, 25th, and 28th February, and 4th March 1563.*—From the Council Records of Edinburgh, vol. iv., p. 93.

xxiiij^o Februarij 1563.

THE QUHILK DAY, the hale commissaris off burrois being convenit within the tolbuith of this burgh: That are to say Iames Adamesoun

Commissaris of Burrois. and Iames Barroun commissaris for the burgh of Edinburgh; Robert Kid, Richart Blith for Dundee; Thomas Nicholsoun for Abirdene; Thomas Wellat for Sanctandros; Thomas Pantoun, and Iohne Foras, for Hathingtoun; George Maxwell prouest of Drumfreis; Williame Bowsie and Edward Bane for Craill; Dickesoun of Winkstoun for Peiblis;

Ambassadour. for Drumfermling, having with thame ampill and sufficient commissiounis vnder the seillis of caus of thair tounis, efter lang reasonyng vpoun the effairis and commoun weill of burrowis and in speciall touching ane ambassadoure, conforme to the Quenis Maiestie will and mynd, vpoun the sute of diuers nichtbouris merchandis of Edinburgh, Dundee, Abirdene, and vtheris burrowis of this realm, to be send to the King of Denmark for ristetutioun of schippis, merchandice, presoneris, and ransoumis taikin be his subiectis of diuers nichtbouris of the saidis tounis; concludis and findes gude that ane ambassatour be send to the said King, nocht onlie the caus foirsaid bot alsua for the greit and new tollis raisit vpoun the merchandis of this realme, obtenying of license for hamebringing of tymmer, and renewing of auld amitie etc. And grantis that ane taxt be raisit of the haill burrowis for furnesing of this ambassatour and his cumpanie in honorabill maner as the Quenis Maiestie and hir Hienes Counsaile sall find gude, and for the purpois ordanis the commissaris of Edinbrough, Dundee, Abirdene, Drumfreis, and Sanctandros pas this efternone to the Quenis Maiestie declair hir Hienes this thair deliverance and to will her Grace to nominat to thame the man that scho will sall be send to the said King to the effect that efter his estait and tryne the said taxt may be set, and ordanis thame to report hir Hienes ansuer the morne be ten houris in the said tolbuith.

Vicesimo Quinto Februarii J^m V^e lxxij^o

The quhilk day, in presens of the commissaris befoir writtin the commissaris mentionat in the act aboue writtin direct to the Quenis Maiestie reportting hir Hienes ansuer; Declairis to be her Hienes will that the haill commissaris put in writ the namis of certane nobill men quhome thai find meit to be send to the king of Denmark to the novmer of ten or tuelf personis of quhome hir Grace sall cheis ane and ferther declair hir

will. And the saidis commissaris nominatis my Lord Ruithwen the Lord of Sanct Iohne and Maister Iohne Hay quhais names thai ordane to be gevin to the Quenis Grace and hir Hienes ansuer to be reportit the morne.

Vltimo Februarij.

The quhilk day, the Quenis Maiestie ordanis the commissaris of burrowis to gif in writ to hir Grace the names of certane vther personis nor wes contenit in the last tikat meit to be send in ambassadrie to the king of Denmark, And thai nominat the Justice Clerk, the tutour of Petcur, the Laird of Quhittingghame, and the Laird of Elphingtoun.

The samin day, the commissaris of Sanctandros, Drumfreis, Iedburgh, Peiblis, Crail, Hathingtoun, Drumfermling, desirit of the vtheris commissaris to grant thame licence to pairt thame to thair tounis for certane greit besynes thai had ado, and band, oblist thame for thair partis of thair tounis to abide, fulfill, and satisfie quhatsumeuer taxt the saidis commissaris sould set and conclude upon for furnesing of the ambassadour to the king of Denmark, and ferther quhatsumeuer thing thai do or consentis to be done for the weill of burrowis to abide at the samin as said is.

Quarto Martii I^m V^c lxiiij.

The quhilk day, the commissaris of the burrowis of the burrowis of Edinburgh, Dundee, and Abirdene vnderstanding it to be the Quenis Maiestie will and mynd that Douglas of Quhittingghame is maist meit and convenient to be send in ambassadrie to the king of Denmark for the effairis of merchandis and vtheris besynes hir Hienes hes ado with the said King, concerning the commoun weil of this realme and to haue with him aucht personis in tryne, of quhome tua merchantis wis, honest, and best experimentit, all in ane woce grantis and consentis that ane generale extent of xxviii^c merkis be vpliftit and set vpoun the haill burrowis of this realme conforme to the auld rowis, quhair of to be delinierit

Extent Collection.

to the said Laird of Quhittingghame the soume of twentie five hundreth merkis for furnesing of him and his said companeis chargeis, merchantis and vtheris, baith on sey and land, as alsua for propine or revaird and the vther thre hundreth merkis to be disponsit in maner following, viz. to euery ane of the tua merchandis, beside thair chargis to be had of the said ambassadoure, ane hundreth markis in recompance of the tinsail of thair traffeck the tyme thai sall depend vpoun the said ambassadour, the vther hundreth merkis to be given for writing of the lettres raisit vpoun the burrowis for paying of thair perticular taxt, the dewitie of the signet, payment of the officiaris feis, and for the inlaik of money, and ferther nominatis Maister Iohae Prestoun burgess of Edinburgh to be collectour of the said taxt, and to be satifeit thairfor of the quhilk the ordour followis.

Followis the extent collectit for the ambassadour towart Denmark the soume of xxviii^e merk.

Edinburgh iiij ^e lxvi lib. xij s. iiij. d.	Wigtoun xvij lib. xvij s. x d.
Strueling xlvi lib. xix s.	Quthithorne xvij lib. xvij s. x d.
Linlithquow xxviii lib. vi s ix d.	Lanark xij lib xi d.
Rothsay xij lib. xj d.	Iedburgh xvij lib. xvij s. x. d.
Dumbritane xv lib. xj s. iij d.	Selkirk xij lib. xj d.
Renfrew xvij lib. xvij s. x d.	Peiblis xij lib xj d.
Ruglen xij lib. xj d.	Hathingtoun xliij lib.
Air xliij lib. xvj. s.	Northberwik vi lib. x s. viij d. }
Wrwene xxv lib. xvij s.	Dunbar xij lib. xj d.
Glasquow xxxvij lib. xvj s. ij d.	Lauder xij lib. xj d.
Kirkcudbricht xvij lib. xvij s x d.	Drumfreis xxxij lib. xij. s. xj. d.
ix ^e .xxxij lib.	xix s. xj d.
Dunde ij ^e xxxvj lib. iij s. ij d.	Cowpar l lib. viij s.
Abirdene j ^e lxxvj lib. viij s.	Culane vi lib. x. s. viij. d.
Peirth j ^e xxviiij lib. xij s.	Forrest xij lib. xi d.
Banf xij lib. xj d.	Narne vj lib. x s. viij d.
Dumfermling xvij lib. xvij s. x d.	Thane viij lib. viij s. xj d.
Craill xj lib. iij s.	Breichen xxxij lib. xij s. ij d.
Forfar viij lib. viij s. xj d.	Montros xxxv lib. viij s.
Abirbrothok xxv lib. xvij s.	Elgene xvij lib. xvij. s. x d.

Sanctandrois lvj lib.

Dysart xxxij lib. xij s. ij d.

Innernes xxxij lib. xij s. ij d.

Kirkcaldy xij lib. xi d.

ix^c xxxvij lib. xvij s. iiij d

The samyn day, in presens of the commissaris of burrois Maister Peter Strang commissar of Pettynweme producit ane charter vnder the Greit Seill contenyng the erecting of thair said toun in fre burch grantit be king James the Fift; and desyrit to haue thair placis amangis vther fre burrois and offerrit to sustein taxtis stenttis and vther portable charges amangis the remanent burrois at all tymes neidfull and desyrit ansuer. And Richert Bowsy and Thomas Bane commissaris for the toun of Craill, opponand thame to the petitioun of the said Maister Richert, allegit that the saidis commissaris could not be iuges in that mater thay had intentit actionn aganis the said toun of Pettynweme tuiching thair pretendit priuelege and libertie befor the Lordis of Sessioun, and the samyn as zit liand vndecidit The quhilk allegeance the saidis commissaris knawing to be of verite, continewis the admissioun of the said toun of Pettynweme quhill the said actionn sould tak end befor the saidis Lordis without preuidice of thair rycht for thair pairt And the saidis commissar of Pettynweme protestit for remeid.

XXV.—*Contract between the Town Council of Edinburgh on behalf of the Burghs, and Ninian Cockburn, relative to discharge of Proclamation by the King of France against Scottish Merchants trafficking with France, 14th July 1570.*—From the Council Records of Edinburgh, vol. iv. p. 258.

At Edinburch the xiiij day of Julij 1570. It is appointit and aggreit betwixt the Rycht Honorabill Prouest, Baillies, and Counsall of the burch of Edinburch, takand burding upoun thame for thameselfis and haill estait of merchantis within this realme, on that ane pairt, and Capitane Niniane Cokburne on that vther pairt in maner following: That is to say forsa-mekle as be the procurement and labouris of the Bischop of Glasguow thair is ane proclamatioun obtenit and proclamit at the handis of the maist

Borowis

Capitane
Cokburne

mychti King of France dischargeing all maner of Scottismen with thair schippis gudis or merchandice of all hant resort or trafique within the see townis or vtheris pairtis of his dominions, exceptand sic as sall bring with thame the certificat of our Souerane the Kingis moder or hir lewtennentis to acknowledge only hir and thair autoritie in hir name and nane vtheris. The quhilk proclamatioun the said Capitane Cockburne is in houp to gett dischargit with all effect thair of, at the handis of the said mychti King; the prouest, baillies, and counsall for thame selfis and in name of the remanent burrois delyuerand and sendand with him thair supplicatiounis to that effect, and thairfore bindis and oblissis him with all diligence possible to pas to the said mychti King with the saidis supplicationis to labour procure and travell be him self and all that will do for him for obtenyng of the said discharge, and sall gett the same expedie publischt and proclamit in Parys, Rowan, Deip, and all vther places neidful within the space of thre monethis nixt efter his depairting of this realme, and sall send the samyn hame fre upoun his awin expenssis to the prouest and baillies forsaid without ony thair chairgeis in the mentyme. Quhilk being obtenit, gottin, proclamit, dischairgeit, and send hame as said is, or gif if it be alreddie gottin aud obtenit, the saidis prouest and baillies takand the burding vpoun thame as said is, bindis and oblissis thame and thair successouris within xl dayis nixt efter the hame cuming of the discharge of the said proclamatioun, lawfullie and sufficientlie obtenit as said is, to thankfully deliuer and pay to the said Capitane Cockburne his airis and assignayis the sowme of thre hundreth crownis of the sone, current money of France, or the hiest price the samyn gewis in Scotland at this present, and failzeing of the hamesending of the said discharge as said is at the tyme fairsaid, the said Capitane bindis an oblissis him his airis and assignayis never to ask craif nor desyre the said sowme of thre hundreth crownis or ony pairt thair of or vther recompance for his panys, bot for him and thame and all vtheris to discharge the same for euer, and for observing of thir premisses ar content and consentis that this present be insert and registrat in the buikis of our Souerane Lordis Sessioun or buikis of the toun to have the strength of their decrettis, and executorialis to pas thairvpoun as efferis, etc.

XXVI.—*Act of the Town Council of Aberdeen appointing a Commissioner to attend a Convention of Burghs at Dundee on 15 July 1575—1 July 1575.*—From the Council Records of Aberdeen, vol. xxviii. p. 503.

The said day the consell ordanit Patrik Mengzes balzie to pas as commissioner for this toune to the brught of Dundie vpon the xv day of Iulij instant and thair to convene with the remanent commissionaris of the burrowis of this realme to consult and conclud vpon sic effeiris as concernis the estait of the burrowis of this realme and free burgessis thair of conforme to the directioun and commissioun that salbe gevyn to him thair-upoun and ordanis him to haf tuintie merkis to mak his expensis.

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1. Confirmation by King David II. of a Contract between the Burgesses and Merchants of Scotland and the Burgesses and Merchants of Middleburgh, 12th November, 1347.—[*From the Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, I., 156.*]

Dauid Dei gracia Rex Scottorum, Vniuersis ad quorum noticiam presentes littere peruenerint salutem in Domino sempiternam. Quia per consilium nostrum, tentum apud Dundee duodecimo die Nouembris anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} quadragesimo septimo, concorditer extitit deliberatum quod burgenses et mercatores regni nostri stapulam mercandis arum habeant et maiorem apud Myddylburgh in Selandia, prout burgenses et mercatores regni nostri ex parte vna et burgenses et mercatores de Myddylburgh ex altera causa negociandi melius poterunt vnanimiter concordare, quam quidem concordiam siue contractum inter burgenses et mercatores regni nostri ac burgenses et mercatores de Myddylburgh predictos faciendam componendam siue vallandam in omnibus ratam habere volumus et firmam. Et dictam concordiam siue contractum in omnibus ut premittitur approbamus ratificamus et pro nobis et nostris confirmamus. Et hoc omnibus quorum interest notum facimus per presentes. Quapropter omnibus et singulis ministris ac fidelibus nostris precipimus et mandamus ne contra deliberacionem dicti consilij nostri venire presumant, sub pena que competit in hac parte. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras per vnum annum integrum a festo Pasche proximo futuro duraturas fieri fecimus patentes, apud Dundee xij. die Nouembris anno regni nostro decimo nono.

2. Judicial Transumpt of Charter by King David the II. in favour of the whole Burgesses of Scotland, 28th March 1364.—[*Preserved in the Archives of the City of Edinburgh.*]

AT EDINBURGH the twentie fourt day of Maij the zeir of God jm vj^e and fyve zeiris, THE LORDIS of Counsall vnderwrittin, they are to say, Alexander Erle of Dunfermeling Lord Fyvie and Urquhart, etc., Chancellor of this Realme, James Lord Balmirrenoch, president, Iohne Commendatar of Halyrudhous, Williame Commendatar of Tounkland, Maister Iohne Prestoun of Fentounbarnis, collectour generall, Maister David Makgill of Cranstoun-riddell, Maister Iohne Skene, Clerk of Register, Sir Iohne Cokburne of Ormistoun Knycht, Justice-Clerk, Sir Richard Cokburne of Clerkingtoun Knycht, Lord Privie Seall, Archibald Douglas of Quhittinghame, Andro Wemis of Inyrecarnie, Mr Alexander Hay of Forrestersait, and Maister Luis Craig of Wrichtisland; anent oure Souerane Lordis lettres purchest at the instance of the haill frie burgesses of the haill frie burrowes within this realme of Scotland, and Iames Wynrahame thair agent in thair names, aganis Iame Lord of Scone, Comptrollar to oure Souerane Lord, and Sir Thomas Hamyltoun of Monkland, knycht, his Hienes Aduocat, and all vtheris havand or pretendand to haue interes in the mater vnderwrittin, Makand mentioun that quhair vmquhile David be the Grace of God King of Scottis, of maist worthie memorie, be his chartour vnder the Greit Seall, gaif and grantit to the saidis persewaris frie power and facultie to bye and sell within the libertie of thair awin burghis, forbidding that ony of thame sall bye and sell within the boundis of the liberteis of ane vther burgh except he be licenciat; prohibiting alsua ony bischop or priour or vther ecclesiastical persone of quhatsumeir estait soeuer he be, to bye woll, skynnis, hydis, or vther merchandice vnder quhatsumeir colour, nather to sell bot alanerlie fra the mercheandis of the burgh within quhais libertie they remane, quhome the said vmquhile David, King, hes commandit to present sic merchandice at the mercat and crois of the burghis that the merchandis may bye and that they produce the samyn effectualie without fraude, and that they pay the Kingis custome thair. His Maiestie alsua hes forbiddin be the said Chartour that na extranear merchandis cumming with schippis and merchandice that thai sell na kynd of mercheandice bot to the merchandis of frie burrowis, nather zit that they by ony kynd of merchandice bot fra the handis of the merchandis of the Kingis burrowes vnder the pane of his Hienes indignatioun, quhilkis liberteis, privileges, and constitutiouns, his Maiestie be the tennour of the said chartour hes confermit for euir to remane as in the said chartour, of the date at the burgh of Perth the aucht day of Marche, and of his Hienes regne the threttie four zeir, at mair lenth is contenit. And in respect that the said char-

tour is grantit in fauouris of the hail burgessis of Scotland, and specialie concernis thame and euerie ane of thame, and that the said chartour is of sick great antiquitie quhairby in proces of tyme the samyn will nocht fail to perische and becum vnlegivel, be the quhilk occasioun the saidis frie burgessis of this realme haveand speciall interes thairto will be greatumlie hurte and damnifeit and prejudgit in thair privileges and liberteis grantit to thame thairby: For preservatioun and remede quhairof necessar it is to the saidis persewairis to haue the said chartour lauchfullie transumit befor the Lordis of Counsaill and the authentick doubill and extract thairof decernit be decrite of the saidis Lordis of Counsaill to be delyuerit to the saidis frie burgessis of the saidis burrowes and euerie ane of thame haveand enteres thairto, vnder the Clerk of Registeris handwrytt, makand the samyn to haue als great strenth, force, and effect in all tyme cumming in judgement and outwith the samyn as gif the said principall and originall chartour wer extant and readie at all tymes to be produceit, conforme to the lawis of this realme and daylie practique observeit in sic caissis. And anent the charge gewin to the saidis Lordis Comptroller and Aduocat for oure Souerane Lords interes in the said mater, and all vtheris haveand or pretendand to haue enteres thairintill to haue comperit befor the Lordis of Counsaill at ane certane day bigane to haue haud hard the fairsaid originall chartour decernit to be transumit and copeit in maner vnderwrittin, or ellis to haue schawin ane ressonable caus quhy the samyn suld nocht haue bene done, as at mair lenth is contenit in the saidis lettres: The saidis hail frie burgessis of the hail frie burrowes within this realme of Scotland, and Iames Wynrahame thair agent in thair names, comperand be Maister Thomas Hoip thair procuratour, and the saidis Lordis Comptroller and Aduocat, and all vtheris haveand or pretendand to haue interes in the said mater being lauchfullie summonit to this actioun, oft tymes callit and nocht comperit, the fairsaidis pairtie comperand, richtis, ressones, allegationis, togidder with fairsaid originall auld chartour, hard, sene vnderstand, and the saidis Lordis thairwith being ryplie advysit the Lordis of Counsaill hes transumit and transumes the said principall originall chartour of confirmatioun, maid and grantit be the said vmquhile Dauid be the grace of God King of Scottis for the tyme, of maist worthie memourie, to the saidis burgessis of the saidis frie burrowes of this realme of Scotland concerning thair liberteis and privileges abouespecefeit, of the date and contents aboue mentionat, and ordinis to be insert in the buikis of counsaill in authentick forme *ad perpetuam rei memoriam*, and hes interponit and interponis thair authoritie thairto, and decernis and ordinis the authentick doubill and copie thairto to be extractit and delyuerit to the saidis persewairis vnder the Clerk of Register or his deputtis subscriptioun and handwrytt, and the samyn to haue als great strenth, force, faith, in judgement and outwith the samyn, in all tyme cumming, as gif the samyn wer the said princi

pall and originall chartour abouespecefeit of the quhilk originall chartour the tennour followes :

Dauid Dei Gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus totius terre sue clericis et laicis Salutem Sciatis nos cum consilio concessisse dilectis nostris burgensibus Scotie facultatem emendi ac vendendi liberam vbique infra libertatem suorum burgorum, Prohibendo ne aliquis eorum infra limites libertatis alterius emat vel vendat nisi licentiatus Prohibemus etiam ne episcopus aut prior, vel persona ecclesiastica, comes, baro vel persona secularis emat lanam pelles coria aut alia mercimonia sub quocunque colore cuiuscunque fuerit status neque vendat, nisi solummodo a mercatoribus burgorum infra quorum libertatem resident quibus precipimus quod huiusmodi mercimonia presentent apud forum et crucem burgorum vt mercatores emant et ipsis effectualiter proferant sine fraude Et ibidem persoluant custumam Regis. Prohibemus etiam ne aliqui extranei mercatores cum navibus et mercandis venientes vendant aliquod genus mercimoniorum nisi mercatoribus nostorum burgorum nec aliquod emant nisi a manibus mercatorum burgorum sub pena Regie defensionis nostre. Quasquidem concessionem libertates constitutiones perpetuo duraturas tenore presentis carte nostre confirmamus. In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre confirmationis sigillum nostrum apponi precipimus testibus venerabilibus in Christo patribus Willielmo Episcopo Sancti Andree Patricio Episcopo Brechinensi Cancellario Roberto Senescallo Scotie nepote nostro Willielmo comite de Dowglas Roberto de Erskyne camerario nostro Apud Perth vicesimo octauo die Marcij anno regni nostri trigesimo quarto.

Becaus the saidis defendaris wer lauchfullie summond to haue comperit befor the saidis Lordis of Counsaill at ane certane bigane to haue hard and sene the said chartour decernit to haue bene transumit and copeit in maner fairsaid, or ellis to haue schawin ane ressonable cause quhy the samyn suld nocht haue bene done, with certificatioun to thame and they failzeit thairin the saidis Lordis wald decerne as said is, and they beand all lauchfullie summond to that effect as said is nane of thame comperit to schaw ony ressonable cause in the contrair, lykas wes cleirlye vnderstand to the saidis Lordis, and thairfor they gaif thair decrete in maner fairsaid and ordinis lettres to be direct vpoun the premissis gif neid beis in forme as efferis. Extractum de Libro Actorum per me Magistrum Willielmum Scott de Elie deputatum honorabilis viri magistri Iacobi Skene clerici rotulorum registri ac consilii S. D. N. regis sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus.

W. SCOT.

3. Translation of the preceding Charter by King David II.—[*Preserved in the Archives of the City of Edinburgh.*]

Dauid by the grace of God King of Scottis To all his trew liedgeis, alsweill of the Spirituall as Temporall Estaitt, Be it knawin to ws be the commoun consent of oure Counsall to hawe grantit to our burgessis throwcht all Scotland frie liberty to by and sell euerie quhair within the libertyis of thair awin brugh, expreslie discharging ony of thame to by or sell within the boundis or liberteis of ane vther without license obteneit to that effect : We forbyd also and discharge that na bischope, priour, or kirkman, nor erle, barroun or other of the temporall estaitt, by woll, skinis, hyidis, or ony vther kynd of marchandice vnder quhatsumewer pretext or cullour. We forbyd also expreslie of quhat estaitt soewer they be they sell nocht ony thing bot to the marchandis of the brugh within quhais liberty thai mak thair residence, quhome we expreslie command and charge that thay present all sic kynd of marchandice to the merkcat place and to the cros of the brughis that the merchand may by thair ; and that thay effectualle produce and offer the saidis merchandice withoute fraud or gylle, and that thai pay the Kingis customis. We forbyd also that na outlandis marchandis or strangeris that cumis withe thair schippis or merchandice sell ony sorte of merchandice bott to the burgessis of oure brughes ; and that thai by na kynd of merchandice except fra the handis of the marchandis of oure brughis vnder the paine of oure Hines vnlaw. The quhilkis liberteis priuiledges and constitutionis to haif thair full strenth and force throw all aigeis to cum be the tenour of this present chartour we confirme. In witness quhairof to this oure chartour of confirmatioun we haife commandit oure seill to be appendit or hung to, befor thir witnessis the richt reuerend fathers in God, William Bischope of Sanct Androis, Patrick Bischope of Brichen oure Chancelair, Robert, Marschell of Scotland, oure oy, Williame Erll of Dowglas, Robert of Erskyne oure Chalmerlane. At Sanct Iohnstoun the xxviij Marche the zeir of oure rigine the threttie foure.

4. Act of a Parliament of King David II. held at Perth 6th March, 1368.—[*From the Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, i. 149.]

Et ordinatum fuit et statutum per dictas tres communitates congregatas et electas, quod quamdiu ville de Berwic et de Roxburgh detente erunt per aduersarios nostros Anglie, quae sunt et esse debent duo de quatuor burgis qui habent ex antiquo curiam facere Camerarii semel in anno apud

Hadyngton, super iudiciis si que forent coram ipso in itineribus suis vbicumque contradieta, burgi de Lannark et de Lythcu erunt accepti in premissis et ex nunc premuniti sunt, quod ad hoc compareant et deseruiant interim . . . Ita quod tantum valeat curia tenenda vt premittitur quo ad communem iusticiam ac si nullum esset impedimentum vel obstaculum de dictis duabus villis detentis per aduersarios sicut prius nostris . . . Ita tamen quod cum iidem duo burgi ad manus et partem Domini Regis peruenerint priuelegiis pristinis sine obiectu indilate gaudebunt.

5. Letters Patent by King James II. under his Great Seal, appointing the Court of the Parliament of the Four Burghs of Scotland to be held yearly at Edinburgh, in all time coming, as had been ordained by King James I., 5th November, 1454.—[*Preserved in the Archives of the City of Edinburgh.*]

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scottorum vniuersis et singulis ligiis et subditis nostris ad quorum noticiis presentes litere peruenerint salutem : Quia serenissimus princeps Jacobus Rex Scotorum progenitor noster, cuius anime propicietur Deus, de auisamento et deliberacione Trium Regni sui Statuum apud Perth concessit et ordinauit Parliamentum Quatuor Burgorum apud Burgum nostrum de Edinburgh annuatim teneri sicut a temporibus retroactis tenebatur : Volumus et concessimus ac presencium tenore concedimus pro nobis et successoribus nostris imperpetuum Burgensibus nostris Burgi nostri de Edinburgh et eorum successoribus vt dictum Parliamentum Quatuor Burgorum in dicto Burgo nostro de Edinburghe annuatim pro perpetuo teneatur et die statuto post festum Beati Michaelis archangeli cum continuatione dierum omnino inchoetur et obseruetur : Quare Magno Camerario nostro et suis deputatis qui pro tempore fuerint stricte precipiendo mandamus quatenus Curiam Parliamenti Quatuor Burgorum haberi et teneri more solito faciant in Burgo nostro antedicto, conuocatis et summonitis annuatim ad hoc comparituris commissariis Quatuor Burgorum Principalium videlicet Edinburgh Striuelin Lithquo et Lanark dicte curie sectatoribus siue accessoribus ad subeundum ordinandum et finaliter determinandum de et super iudiciis Burgorum vniuersalium regni nostri curiis datis siue contradietis ac eciam mensuram vlne ferlote siue bolle lagine et petre more solito ligiis et communibus nostris dandum liberandum et reipiendum : Necnon omnia alia et singula facienda et exercenda que in huiusmodi Curia Parliamenti secundum leges statuta et Burgorum consuetudines sunt tractanda subeunda et finaliter determinanda : In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras dictis Burgensibus nostris eorumque successoribus pro perpetuo dura-

turas sub magno sigillo nostro fieri fecimus patentes . Testibus reuerendis in Christo patribus Jacobo consanguineo nostro carissimo, Thoma, Georgeo, et Thoma, Sanctiandree, Dunnkeldensis, Brechinensis, et Candide Case ecclesiarum episcopis ; dilectis consanguineis nostris Willelmo comite Orchardie domino de Sancto Claro concellario, Georgeo comite Angusie, Thoma domino Erskyn, Willelmo domino Somervele, Willelmo domino Borthwik, Willelmo Murray de Tulibardyn, et Willelmo Bonare nostrorum compotorum rotolato : Apud Edinburgh quinto die mensis Novembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo quarto et regni nostri decimo octauo.

6. Tax Roll of the Burghs north of the Forth as modified by the Commissioners of Burghs at Edinburgh, 1483.—[*From the Records of the Town Council of Aberdeen*, Vol. VI., p. 803.]

22nd September 1483.

Thir ar the names of the burghis beyond Forth that eftir folowis, and the taxt of the samen modifit be the commissaris of burghis the tyme of the parliament haldin at Edinburgh the xxi dai of Marche, with continuation of dais, the zer of God M iiii^c lxxxiii.

In primis.

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Carrale . . .	2 0 0	Arbroth . . .	2 0 0
Sanct Androis . . .	10 0 0	Abirdene . . .	26 13 4
Perth . . .	22 4 6	Banf . . .	3 0 0
Ouchterardour . . .	1 0 0	Elgyn . . .	3 0 0
Dundee . . .	26 13 4	Foras . . .	6 0 0
Forfare . . .	1 6 8	Narne . . .	2 0 0
Montros . . .	5 6 8	Enuerness . . .	10 0 0
Breching . . .	4 0 0		

7. A Commission to prosecute for recovery of goods taken by a Scots ship from a ship called Sancta Maria belonging to Bruges, dated 22nd October 1509.—Described in the Inventories of the Charters of the City of Edinburgh.—[Vol. I., p. 212,] as follows :—

Commission made out by way of Instrument, under the Seal of the Burgo-

masters and Council of the Town of Bruges in Flanders, Bearing, that an honest man, James Brunean, citizen and merchant in Bruges, compeared before them, and upon oath declared that he had heard from Ludovick de Crooc his factor, who had lately come from the Island of Madeira, and also had heard the same by letters from him before his arrival, that the said Ludovick had in his own name, on the 26th of May then last, loaded at the said Island, in a ship called the Sancta Maria fifty-four chests of Sugar and a half, and two barrels of confections, which goods and merchandize belonged to the Deponent and his said factor, and after paying for his said goods, and the said Ludovick coming away in the said ship from the foresaid Island, was taken upon the coasts of France not far from the port of _____, together with the said goods and others in the said ship, by one Captain John Alberton and his accomplices, subjects of the Kingdom of Scotland, in a ship called the Lion, and carried by them to the Port of Arfleur. After this recital the instrument bears a Commission to certain persons therein named to prosecute and pursue for recovery of the said goods, and contains all the usual clauses of a general Commission, has the Seal of the Town of Bruges appended, and bears date the 22nd of October 1509.

8. Act of the Town Council and Community of Merchants of Edinburgh, dated 28th February 1519, relative to the establishment of the Scots Staple in Flanders.—[*From the Records of the Town Council of Edinburgh. Vol. I., p. 12.*]

Ultimo Februarij anno Domini I^m v^c xix.

Stapill, Flanderis, Merchandis.

The samyn day, forsamekill as my Lord Glenluis and Maister Thomas Hay Secretary to my Lord Governour schew befor the provest baillies counsall and communitie of merchantis that my said Lord Governour thocht it necessar that thair sould be ane stapill in the pairtis of Flanderis quhair the Scottis merchantis mycht resort and haif ordour amangis thame siclyke as vther nationis hes, and desyrit that the said communitie of merchandis wald for thair pairt declair quhilk of thir thre townis, that is to say, Camfeir, Myddilburch or Byrges ar maist convenient to the said stapill, with the quhilk desyre the saidis merchandis being avysit, the men of gude of the toun for the maist pairt than beand present, thocht the toun of Myddilburch maist convenient toun to be thair stapill, swa that vther burrowis of the realme wald repair thairto siclyk as the inhabitaris of this toun, and thai haifand siclyke priueleges as wes grantit of befor and as salbe deuysit to be desyrit at the said toun.

9. Act of the Town Council of Edinburgh, dated 28th February 1536, relative to a supplication by the Bailies and Community of the Burgh of Inverkeithing to have their share of the Contribution by Inverkeithing and Kinghorn towards the taxation of Edinburgh, modified in respect of poverty.—[*From the Volume of Extracts from the Records of the Town Council of Edinburgh preserved in the Advocates' Library, p. 148.*]

Ultimo Januarij anno etc. v^o xxxvj^o.

The quhilk day in presens of the baillies and counsale sittand in jugement Marcus Suentoun burges of Innerkething in name and behalff of the baillies and commwnitie thair of presentit to the saidis baillies and counsale ane bill of supplecatioun gevin in to the Lordis of our Souerane Lordis Counsale be the saidis baillies and commwnitie of the burch of Innerkething, with the saidis lordis deliuerance thairvpoun, off the quhilk the tennour followis: My Lordis of Counsale, vnto your lordschipis humle menis and schavis we zour seruitoris the baillies and commwnitie of the burch of Innerkething, that quhair in all tymes bygane quhen ony taxt accourit we and the inhabitouris of the burch of Kingorne wer ay ordanit to support and help the toun of Edinburgh to pay thair pairt of the said taxt, and quhen thai wer taxt to ane hundreth pund we war ordanit to pay iij li thair of and Kingorne xliij, howbeit our burch in all tymes bygane payit zeirlie to the Kingis Grace vj or vij^o hundreth pundis striviling of custwme, and now it is dekeyit and fallin in povertie and pais nevir ane penny and thair is nocht attour thre men thairin that may pay ane penny of taxt at this tyme, howbeit we ar now taxt to xxv li and Kingorne bot to xv li and thai haif xxiiij greit boittis and nyne schippis and ar ful of ryches and we full of povertie and may nocht at this tyme pay the taxt put vpoun ws without oure vtir heirschip, heirfoir we beseik youre lordschipis for the caussis aboue writing put remeid to ws anent the payment of the said taxt and tak cognitoun quethair our burch of Kingorne richeat and quhilk of ws may gudly pay maist and according thairto taxt and extent ws and tharefter our power and substance or ellis gyf command to the provest and baillies of Edinburch to do the samyn according to iustice and your ansuer we beseik. Heir followis the saidis lordis delyuerance of the said supplicatioun: Apud Edinburch penultimo Ianuarij anno etc. v^o xxxvj^o the lordis refferis this mater to the taxtaris of Edinburch and to the provest baillies thair of and counsale; be wertew of the quhilkis deliuerance the saidis baillies and counsale of this burch of Edinburch haweand consideratioun, perfyte cognitioun, and knowlege of the premissis, powertie of the said toun

of Innerkething and ryply awyset decernis, and extentis the samyn to xvj li viij s. of the viij^e xxij li vj s. viij d. of the extent of this said burch of Edinburch, that is to say twa pundis of the j^e li, and extentis the said twne and burgh of Kingorne to xxiiij li viij s. of the said extent of this burch of Edinburch that is to say thre pund of the j^e li.

10. Contract anent the Staple Trade betwixt the City of Antwerp and the City of Edinburgh, dated in April 1540.—Described in the Inventories of the Charters of the City of Edinburgh [*Vol. I.*, p. 395,] as follows :—

Contract entered into betwixt the Burgomasters, Magistrates, and Council of the Town of Antwerp in Brabant, and certain Commissioners or Deputies sent from the Provost, Baillies, and Council of Edinburgh, of the Kingdom of Scotland, on the one and other parts : Wherein is set down the powers and Commission by the Magistrates of Edinburgh to their said Deputies, to treat with the town of Antwerp anent the privileges to be granted to the Scots Nation on account of their Staple Trade, and freedoms and exemptions in consequence thereof : which commission bears date at Edinburgh the 2nd of March, 1539. After which the Contract bears, That those of the town of Edinburgh and others, their allies of the Kingdom of Scotland frequenting the Emperor's Dominions, having hitherto kept their principal staple and residence in Campvere in Zealand, yet, for certain reasons, they had agreed to seek out a more commodious place ; And having seen and visited all the towns and harbours in the Low Countries, they did find no Place, City, or Harbour so proper as that of the Town of Antwerp : Which the Magistrates of Edinburgh and others of the Kingdom of Scotland taking to their consideration, they appointed certain commissioners to commune with the Burgomasters and Council of Antwerp thereanent, and after long deliberation, the said Burgomasters of Antwerp and Deputies from Edinburgh and others of the said Kingdom of Scotland, agreed upon the following Articles :—

IMPRIMIS, That the said Nation of Scotland, being of the town of Edinburgh and others their adherents, should have a fair and pleasant House appointed for the residence of their Conservator and others of the said Nation ; in which house they might also lodge their packets and merchandizes, and otherways use it at their pleasure during their residence in the said Town.

Item, That those of the said Nation should be free and exempt from all

excise of Wine and Beer or Ale that should be drunk in the said House : and in case of a fleet of ships coming from Scotland, and their merchants being numerous, the Burgomasters and Council, on being advertised thereof from the Conservator or otherways, should be obliged to order and assign one, two, or three other houses according as their number required : and they should in like manner be exempt from all excise of Wine or Ale drunk in these houses, provided, that no other haunted or frequented them but those of the said Nation.

Item, That the cognizance of all complaints, questions, and causes, that might arise amongst themselves, viz., between one Scotsman and another, should belong to the Conservator of that Nation. And to strengthen the decrees of the Conservator, the Burgomasters, at his request, should give their concurrence to see and cause the sentences by him pronounced to be put to execution, and have their full force and effect.

And, in like manner, when any burgess or other stranger commenced a suit against any of the said Nation, he should be obliged to bring it, in the first instance, before the Conservator, and after judgement past by him thereupon, the party thinking himself lesed, and willing to have a further trial, should be holden in that case to bring his matter of appeal before the Burgomasters &c. allenarly.

As also, when any of the said Nation intended to commence a suit against any Burgess of the town of Antwerp, or against any one of any other nation than they of Scotland, he should be obliged to bring it before the Burgomasters, &c., and the Conservator should no ways meddle or interfere therein.

Item, That it should be lawful to the Merchants of the said Nation to sell and dispose in the said town of Antwerp of all kinds of merchandize that are accustomed to be sold there ; And particularly, salt fish packed in lasts, half lasts or barrels, or otherways as to them should seem most convenient. Also that it should be lawful to them to open their barrels, and sell their salt fish by retail, provided they should be first seen visited and judged of by the Masters of Police, commonly called, Cure Masters of Fishes.

Item, That there should be set apart and ordained for those of the said Nation, a wharf in a commodious place, to unload their ships and merchandizes, as to which they should be preferred to all other Merchants.

Item, That the Deputies and Commissaries of the said Nation should visit and inspect the streets and places of the said town of Antwerp, and having found a proper place for their dwelling and residence, the Magistrates of the said Town should speak with the inhabitants and possessors thereof anent the same, and the price of their houses and chambers, and should so com-

mune with them, that those of the Scots Nation should have reason to be contented with the price of the said houses.

Item, That those of Scotland having chosen their place of residence, and brought their goods and merchandize into the City, the Magistrates of the City, with advice of the Conservator, or others of the said Nation, should settle and regulate the wages and payment of labourers and working men in such manner as should be to the reasonable satisfaction and content of the said Nation.

Item, That the said City of Antwerp, upon their own charges and expenses, should furnish Pilots to the said Nation : They coming along with the fleet, as well in coming as returning, beginning to pilot them from the place of La Vere or Flushing, according as the said fleet should arrive : of which coming and arrival of theirs, the said Nation should be obliged to advertise the Burgomasters, &c., And in case the said town so advertised should not provide Pilots, when the Scots Nation should be at the said place of La Vere or Flushing, they were to take and hire pilots at the expense of the town, in such number as should be sufficient for the fleet : which expenses the said Town should sustain for the space of five years ensuing : And in case there was no ordinance for other five years, ay and while an order should be made by the Burgomasters with regard to pilotage for the convenience and relief of Merchants, with which the said Nation should have reason to rest satisfied.

Item, that if it should happen any ship, by the force of tyde or tempest, or otherwise, to be thrown upon a shelve or bank of sand, between Antwerp and the said Town of La Vere or Flushing and that by any means the said ship taken off from the same, the said City should be obliged to order all possible assistance for the recovery thereof, and to contribute towards any expenses debursed for that purpose.

Item, for as much as the Right of the Customs belonged to his Imperial Majesty, and therefore the Burgomasters could not hinder the payment of it : But that those of the Scots Nation might not be imposed upon, it was to be observed the Commissioners of the Receipt of Customs had their Instructions, which they behoved to observe, a copy of which instructions should be given to the Conservator, and if it should be found that the Commissioners of the Customs transgressed their instructions in exacting more than the right, the Burgomasters of the town should cause restitution to be made to the merchant.

Item, That the Burgomasters should every way be assisted to the Scots nation, That while it should please his Imperial Majesty to continue the receipt of the Customs of Zealand in their town of Antwerp, the said Nation should be safe to pay the said custom in Antwerp, without being any way troubled or mollested in Zealand on that account. Also, that they

should no ways be obliged to pay the customs of Zealand more than once : and if the officers of the Customs should use them otherwise, the Burgomasters engaged to cause reparation to be made to every one who should be exacted on more than the due and ordinary right.

Item, The said town of Antwerp grants to the Scots Nation the insurance from pillage of all the ships pillaged of the said Nation ; That is to say, from the pillage that shall be done and perpetrated between Antwerp and La Vere or Flushing, and by the Emperor's subjects there, and no otherways : Which pillage the said town of Antwerp should be obliged to pursue for recovery of the goods so taken, in the same manner as if they were their own proper goods : and in case it were impossible to recover them, the said town should be obliged to restore the value thereof.

Item, That the town of Antwerp obliged themselves to keep up and maintain with the said town of Edinburgh, and their adherents, a true, entire, perpetual and lasting friendship and regard, in all and whatever things lawful, reasonable, and honest, and should have a good and favourable report of them in all places. And to demonstrate the sincere affection and goodwill they did bear to the said Nation, in case there should occur any other affairs, than those before mentioned, wherein the said town of Antwerp could serve and accommodate the said town of Edinburgh and Nation of Scotland, without prejudice to the common-wealth ; the said Burgomasters promised, that these affairs should be settled as well to the content and satisfaction to the said town and nation as if they had been presently treated and agreed upon, for which they engaged their good faith and their true and sincere love. And as became two noble, renowned, and triumphant cities, the imperial and royal cities of Antwerp and Edinburgh, they took one another under their mutual and sacred care and protection without fraud or guile.

In testimony of which articles, thus concluded and agreed upon, and of the whole premises, they, the said Burgomasters and Council of the said City of Antwerp, and they the said Provost Baillies, and Council of the said City of Edinburgh, approving and ratifying what their said Commissioners had above done and concluded, caused the Seals of causes of the said Cities of Antwerp and Edinburgh to be appended to these present Letters, the 12th of April, 1540. To which is subjoined as follows . After the conclusion of the which Articles, the Commissioners of the City of Edinburgh compeared before the said Burgomasters, &c., of the said City of Antwerp in Council assembled, and desired them to ratify the articles before written, which they accordingly did, and engaged for them and their successors in office, to entertain and cause to be entertained the said Merchants of Scotland, Edinburgh and their adherents, so long as they should frequent the said Town, after the form and tenor of the before contract in all points.

Which Ratification and Engagement is dated at the Council Chamber of the City of Antwerp the 20th of April and year foresaid, and is attested by the Clerk of the said City of Antwerp, and subscribed by him at the command of the Burgo-masters, &c., of the said City.

N.B.—The original of this Contract is in the French Language.

11. Acts of the Town Council of Edinburgh, dated 30th April and 5th May 1541, relative to the establishment of Middleburgh as the Staple Port.—[*From the Records of the Town Council of Edinburgh, Vol. I., p. 44.*]

Ultimo die Mensis Aprilis 1541.

Franchting of
schippis—
stapill at
Myddilburch.

The quhilk day the provest baillies counsale ordanis the skipparis of Leyth and all vtheris frauchtit be the gude toun to Flandaris at this vayage to pas to the port of Myddilburch with thair schippis and guddis and that they tak na mair fraucht, &c.

Villa.

The quhilk day in presence of the prouest baillies and counsale Leonard Cornelius obblissis him to pas with his schip to the port of Myddilburch at this vayage and lefe the guddis at the samyn port under the pane of ane hundreth pundis greit to be payit to Iames Henrisoun in the townes name to be furcheummand to thair commoun gude.

Quinto Maij xlj°.

Rex, villa,
staple.

The quhilk day the provest baillies counsale and communitie sittand in iugement my Lord Cardinale of Sanctandrois etc. producit oure Souerane Lordis lettir of the tenour following direct to him vnder his grace's signet and subscriptioun: Dousing we greit yow weill. forsamekle as we vnderstand that thair is pairt of oure burch of Edinburgh coactit and constrene ane vther mair pairt of oure merchanttis to pas by thair fre will and plesour to havynnis and townys quhair thay like and constrenis als the skipparis in semblable maner, oure will is heirfor and we pray zow if ye call before zow oure prouest of Edinburch and communitie of the samyn and gyf ze fynd ony constrenzeing of oure merchanttis and skipparis by thair awin fre will zat ze in oure name relax and discharge the samyn and gyf thame fredome to pas quhair evir thay pleis best conforme to oure priuelege granttit vnto thame like as we haue writtin to the Duke of Arscott Erle of Berre of the samyn. This ze failze nocht till do as oure singular traist is in zow and for eschewing of murmure that may rise heirupoun gyf ze leif this vndone and God keip zow. Writtin at Striveling vnder oure subscriptioun and signett the thrid day of Maij and of oure regne the xxviiij zeir. And efter the articlis gevin in before in the name of the toun of Myddilburch wes agane

red and lang tretit of the staple in presence of my Lord Cardinale, the prouest baillies counsale and communitie than present desyrit my said Lord Cardinale to deliuer and pronounce his mynde as he had found in the mater conforme to the saidis letteris ; to the quhilk the said Lord declarit that he fund the votis of the prouest baillies counsale men of gude and communitie halelie applyit to the toun of Myddilburch and fand na contradictioun amangis the hale nychtbouris bot be tua personis, that is to say Hew Douglas and Gilbert Lauder than instant than present ganesayand, and declarit he sould aduertice oure Souerane Lord as he had found in the mater.

12. Contract anent the Staple Trade betwixt the City of Middleburgh and the City of Edinburgh and other Burghs of Scotland, dated 19th May 1541.—Described in the Inventories of the Charters of the City of Edinburgh [*Vol. I.*, p. 403] as follows :—

Contract betwixt the Burgomasters and Council of the Town of Midleburgh, on the one part, and certain Commissioners or Deputies from the City of Edinburgh and other Burghs of the Kingdom of Scotland, on the other part, Bearing, That the Burgomasters and Council of the said Town of Midleburgh, for the love they did bear to the said Kingdom of Scotland, being desirous to continue the ancient amity and good will that always subsisted between them, did therefore give and grant to the said nation, the privileges liberties and immunities underwritten, during the time they should keep their residence and Staple in the said City of Midleburgh.

Imprimis, To the end that those of the said nation might be the more willing and heartily disposed to come and reside in the said City, and keep their Staple there, they the said Burgomasters and Council promised to give the said merchants of Edinburgh and others, and each one of them, all possible aid assistance and advice at all times whenever they should be required thereto.

Item, that the said merchants of Edinburgh and others of the said nation might be the more honoured and esteemed in the said town of Midleburgh, they the said Burgomasters, &c., promised, at the expense of their said town, without any charge to the Kingdom of Scotland, to provide them in a very gentle house worthy of the said nation, in which their Conservator or any others the said nation thought proper might lodge and be accommodated : Which house, with the whole family therein residing, should be indemnified and kept free from all excises, imposts and taxes upon Ale and Wine, that are accustomed to be paid in other houses, for the behoof of the said town of

Middleburgh ; Provided that it should not be lawful to those of the said house to sell by measure, or otherwise forth of the said house, in prejudice of the said City.

Item, For the further satisfaction of the said nation, and the support of their character, they promised to erect and furnish a Chapel, to the honour of God, with an altar in the same, in whatever place or Church the said nation should think most convenient, which altar should be provided with all necessary ornaments.

Item, That the said Nation in time coming might have no cause of complaint against any workmen that should be employed by them : also that the officers of the Customs might not harrass them in exacting more custom than was due, the Burgomasters engaged to give such orders in that respect as should free them from all such grievances, and they should have their houses, cellars, vaults and other conveniences at the same price and for the same rent as they used to pay at Campvere. Also, that they should pay no more custom than what they had paid these thirty years past, or, at least, what they paid just now at Campvere : and that they should have a Key or Wharf. And that the merchants of Edinburgh, and others of the said nation, might know the good affection of those of Middleburgh, the said Burgo masters did, for their encouragement, promise, that when any merchants from thence should arrive with their merchandize, and by reason of a low market, or bad times, could not get their goods disposed of so speedily, and for want of money or credit could not make a timeous return of goods to Scotland, in that case the Burgomasters should order some of their own Burgesses, men of fortune, who should engage their credit in getting the necessity of such merchants supplied in goods from Bruges or other places, when the same could not be had in Middleburgh ; Provided, that those merchants of the said nation should leave in the hands of their respondents, as much goods, or more, than would amount to the sum for which they should be required to answer.

In like manner, for the honour of the said nation, and to shun not only discord and dissension, but also all suspicion and distrust, that in time coming might arise (as God forbid) between those of Middleburgh and the said nation of Scotland, the said Burgomasters obliged themselves, that when any cause or process, of whatever nature, should happen to be moved before them, between those of the said nation and any other persons of what condition soever, to the end they might have no ground of complaint for any injustice done them, that before passing any definitive sentence in the cause, they should take advice of Monsieur, the conservator for the time, or of any other unsuspected person of high rank belonging to the said nation, that should be called thereto. And that this might be no ways to the prejudice of

their dread Emperor, and because the Burgesses of Middleburgh, among other liberties and immunities, have this privilege, that in all cases between merchants, coming before the Burgomasters of their City, and which are discerned to the advantage of either party, it is in the option of the appellant, to bring and prosecute his appeal before the Court and Council in Holland, or without any assistance (*sans moyen*) before the grand Council at Mechlin, where they judge by arrest, whose sentence should be final ; also those of Middleburgh have this privilege, that all their sentences pronounced by them, tho' not final, may yet be executed upon sufficient caution, notwithstanding of any opposition or appeal ; and the said Burgomasters considering that the said two privileges may be greatly to the advantage of the said nation of Scotland, if, in time coming, they should have any processes before them, Did therefore promise to secure the said nation in the exercise and enjoyment of these privileges, as fully and freely in all respects as their own Burgesses exerce and enjoy the same.

Item, To ease the said nation of any unprofitable expenses, it was agreed that, when they should think fit to apply to the court of his Imperial Majesty, or his noble Council, for obtaining any of the two privileges under written, the first of which is to have the same favour as the English frequenting the Emperor's Countries enjoy touching the exemption from custom and the other anent goods robbed or pillaged from the said Nation at sea, that they might have the privilege of recovering the said goods before any judge competent, at one instance allenarly ; In both these cases the Burgomasters should be obliged to bear the equal half of the necessary charges laid out for purchasing and procuring the said privileges.

And Further, for the better assistance of the said nation, the said Burgomasters promised, that upon being advertised by those of the said Nation, either in the coming to Middleburgh, or in their return to Scotland, of their being attacked by Pirates upon any of the seas, rivers, coasts within the Jurisdiction of the Emperor, in that case to give them all possible aid and assistance in recovering their said goods, and the said town of Edinburgh should bear the half of the expenses necessary thereto.

And being willing that all ground of dissention, that might arise in time coming betwixt them and the said nation, should be for ever taken away, and that their mutual amity and good will might daily encrease : the said Burgomasters, of their own free will and generosity, promised that the said Good Town of Edinburgh, burgesses and merchants of the same, presently residing, and of all others the Cities of the said Kingdom of Scotland, that should for the future come as merchants to frequent the said city of Middleburgh, should be indemnified of such actions as were then depending against them for certain damages and expenses before the High and Mighty Lords,

the President, and members of the grand Council of Meehlin, with all that might follow thereon: Excepting alwise and expressly reserving action against such towns in Scotland as neglected to come and keep their residence in Midleburgh.

All which points and articles, they the Burgomasters, Escheines and Council of the said City of Midleburgh being desirous to keep as valid and binding upon them, did order their Seal of Cause to be thereto appended, and the said Articles alwise to continue in their full force, as long as the said Town of Edinburgh and others of the said Nation should keep their residence and staple in the said City of Midleburgh and no longer; Reserving also that article mentioning the action of damages and expenses above specified, of which they thereby discharged the said Town of Edinburgh, in so far as concerned their part thereof any manner of way, and all under the good will and pleasure of the most victorious Prince, Charles the 5th Emperor of the Romans, their natural and most dread Sovereign.

Given at the Council House of the said Town of Midleburgh the 19th of May, 1541.

N.B.—*The original of this contract is in French Language.*

13. Act of the Town Council of Edinburgh, dated 14th July 1541, undertaking to pay to King James V. £2000 on behalf of the Burghs.—*[From the Records of the Town Council of Edinburgh, Vol. I., p. 45.]*

xiiiij^{to} Iulij anno i^m v^c xlj^o.

Rex, villa.

The quhilk day the prouest baillies and counsale of this burch of Edinburch obliassis thame and thair successouris to content and pay to oure Souerane Lord the sowme of ij^m li. usuale money of this realme betuix this and Mer-tymes nixt to cum for the tua thousand pundis lent be his grace for the hale burrois and deliuerit to my Lord Cardinale for expeditioun and doungetting of the custome and new impositioun of xijd throw all the pairttis of France new taikin fra the merchanttis of this realme of ilk frank waryt.

14. Act of the Town Council of Edinburgh, dated 23d August 1541, relative to the Staple Contract with Middleburgh.—*[From the Records of the Town Council of Edinburgh, Vol. I., p. 45.]*

xxij Augusti anno i^m v^c xlj^o.

Villa, Myddil-
burch, Veyr.

The quhilk day in the presence of the provest baillies counsale and men

of gude and dekyannis for the communitie comperit James Henrisoun and offerrit as ane of the commissaris direct fra the toun of Myddilburch in thair names to find souertie within this burch vnder the pane of x^m li. to deliuer the articles superaddit to his last articlis ellis confirmyt vnder thair seill to the gude toun within ane moneth and to that effect that the samyn salbe obseruit in tymes cuming vnder the said pane that the sourteis salbe haldin to rispond for the falze gyf ony beis and the panis to be applyit conforme to his articlis, and thairby allegit that the commissaris of the Veyr viz Symon Patersoun and Maister Gelys Bras offerrit nocht to fynd sic souertie and thairfor desyrit thair wisdomes to considder the priuelegis and commoditeis gevin in be thame bayth and as thay find for the common weill to do thair-intill.

15. Confirmation by Queen Mary in 1542 of a Grant by King James V. to James Bannatyne and Thomas Davidson to be Searchers General of English Ships and Goods coming to Scotland.—Described in the Inventories of the Charters of the City of Edinburgh [*Vol. I.*, p. 213,] as follows :

Letters Patent under the Signet, granted by Mary Queen of Scots, with consent of James Earl of Arran, Protector and Governor of the Kingdom, Ratifying and approving a Grant under the Privy Seal by King James the Vth to James Bannatyne and Thomas Davidson, Burgesses of Edinburgh, making them Searchers General of all parts of the Kingdom, of all Englishmen's Ships and Merchandize, coming within any part of the Kingdon without sufficient conduct and with unlawful merchandize: Containing a new grant of the said office to be exerceed by themselves or their deputes, and to unlift the fees and profits in the same way and manner as they might have done by the said King James the Vth's Letters Patent.

These Letters have the Queen's Signet appended thereto, and are under the subscription of the Regent, and bear date the 18th of December in the first year of the Queen's Reign, answering to the year of God 1542.

16. Act of Privy Council, dated 11th January 1555, rating the price of Bread, Ale, Flesh, Fish, &c.—Described in the Inventories of the Charters of the City of Edinburgh [*Vol. I.*, p. 215,] as follows:—

Extract of an Act of the Privy Council, Bearing, That whereas the Bread, Ale, Flesh, Fish, and other victuals within the Kingdom were risen to such an exorbitant dearth, that the lieges could not be served therewith upon reasonable prices. The Queen and Lords of Privy Council taking deliberation in what manner the same might be repressed, the Provost and Baillies of Edinburgh being called thereto, and their opinion heard, They (the Queen and Privy Council) devised and ordained that the boll of wheat being commonly sold in the market for four merks, the Baxters Freemen of Burrowis should sell fourteen ounce of baked bread good and sufficient stuff for four pennies, and the other Baxters dwelling in the country and unfreemen should eik an once weight for ilk penny to the quantity foresaid, they bringing their bread to be sold in the Market of Edinburgh, and so as the prices of the wheat rises or diminishes the bread to be sold thereafter : And if any man delivers wheat to a Baxter to be baked to him, that he receive seven score pound weight of baked bread good and sufficient stuff for each boll.

ITEM, That the Provost and Baillies of each Burgh shall, at the end of each month, make proclamations at the market crosses upon what prices the malt shall be sold in the month ensuing, conform to the prices of the bear commonly sold in the market, and consequently what the ale should be sold at in the same month. and whatever prices should be stated within Burgh, that the same be universally observed as well in Burgh as in the Country, Regality, as throughout the hail Shire. And because it was difficult to put an order on fleshies otherways, it was ordained, That for a year it should be lawful to all manner of persons, whether they were free in Burrows or not, at their pleasure, to inbring upon all the days of the week, beef, mutton, veal and pork within Burgh, break and sell the same in all the Markets thereof, the said Licence only to endure for the space of one year then next to come.

ITEM the said Provost and Baillies shall advert that in their markets no poultry be sold dearer than at the prices following viz. A capon twenty pennies, an hen fourteen pennies, a gryce , a goose two shilling, a tame duck fourteen pennies, the best couple of chickens from Pasch a couple of doves six pennies, There are several other species mentioned, but not legible, and this Act of Council was to be proclaimed through all the Royal Burghs, all the Shires of Scotland, and by the Lords of Regalities within their respective jurisdictions, and bears date at Edinburgh the 11th of January 1555.

17. Commission by the Magistrates of Edinburgh on behalf of the Burghs of Scotland to certain persons to pursue the Collectors of the Customs of the King of France for exacting more from the Scotch Nation than is due, dated 27th September 1555.—Described in the Inventories of the Charters of the City of Edinburgh [*Vol. I.*, p. 420,] as follows :—

Copy of a Commission by the Provost, Baillies, and Council of Edinburgh in the Kingdom of Scotland, in their own name and the hail fellow Citizens of the said Burgh, also in name and behalf of the whole Citizens and Merchants living abroad in the whole Towns of the said Kingdom, and having full power from the Deputies of each Town, whereof every one sent two to treat of the affair aftermentioned ; Whereby the said Provost and Council of Edinburgh made constitute and ordained Gilbert Logan indweller in Diep, and James Maxwell indweller in Rowen in Normandy, jointly and severally, their lawful and irrevocable Commissioners and special Ambassadors ; committing to them full power to prosecute the Receivers and Treasurers of the most Christian King of France his Customs and Tributes at Rowen, as well for the years bypast as for the then present year, 1555, for their unjust Customs and Tributes levied and received by them from the said Citizens of Edinburgh and other Merchants of the Kingdom, who had traded at Rowen, the foresaid years, beyond the indulgences and old privileges granted to the said Merchants of Scotland, and confirmed by the King, at the rate of Twelve Deniers for every pounds' worth of goods, and for the restitution thereof before whatever competent Judges, if needful even before the King himself, his Parliament or Counsellors, conform to law, and to recover the same and to intromit with what was recovered, and if it should be thought more expedient, friendly to treat with the said Receivers and Officers without any law suit, transact and agree thereanent, and on receipt to grant Discharges, and if needful to bind the said Provost, Baillies, and Council and their successors as Cautioners to keep the said Receivers and Officers free and harmless as to any thing they should treat with the said Commissaries thereanent, In Testimony whereof their seal of cause was thereto appended at Edinburgh the 27th of September, 1555.

18. Act of Privy Council anent the Plague from Bordeaux, dated 20th December 1555.—Described in the Inventories of the Charters of the City of Edinburgh.—[*Vol. I.*, p. 214,] as follows :—

Act of the Privy Council concerning ships coming from Bordeaux and other places wherein the plague then raged, ordering messengers at arms to pass to the Market Cross of Edinburgh, and Pier and Shore of Leith, and other places needful upon this side of the Water, and command and charge all Masters, Skippers, Mariners, and Owners of ships that had come from Bordeaux and other places beyond Sea with wines and wares, also merchants and other passengers, that none of them take upon hand to land or unload any of their wines and wares until such time they send advertisement to the Provost and Baillies of Edinburgh, and that cognition be taken by them, if any of them were sick or any sickness among them, or any disease in the voyage either departing or returning, and if any danger of sickness appears ; and caution to be found that no skaith should come of them or their wines and wares to the said Provost and Baillies as accords, under the pain of death and confiscation of all their goods to be applied to the Queen's use. And also ordained letters to be direct to officers to pass, make the same proclamation on the other side of the Water to the effect foresaid and under the pains above written, and such persons as pleased the Queen named to take cognition as above.

This Act of Privy Council bears date the 20th of December, 1555.

19. Letters Patent by Queen Mary under the signet anent the plague at Dantzick, dated 16th July 1563.—Described in the Inventories of the Charters of the City of Edinburgh [*Vol. I.*, p. 217.] as follows :—

Letters under the Signet, Bearing, that her Majesty Mary Queen of Scots understanding that the Plague vehemently raged in Dantzick, and by the trade of the merchants to these parts, and the ships coming therefrom, the Plague might be brought to this Kingdom : Therefore her Majesty strictly commanded that all and sundry persons lately come home, or that should thereafter come home from these parts, to keep themselves and their goods on ship board, at least to go to some quiet place free from Burghs or Common Ports, that none of the lieges trade or bear company, or have any meddling with them, and that none of them repair to any Royal Burgh, Towns, or common passages, ay and while her Majesty declared her will and pleasure thereanent, under the pain of death. These letters bear date the 16th of July in the 22d year of Queen Mary's Reign anno 1563.

20. A Grant by Charles IX. King of France, ordering no more custom to be taken from the Scots' nation for Wine than was due by old Treaties, dated 20 April 1565.—Described in the Inventories of the Charters of the City of Edinburgh [*Vol. I.*, p. 422.] as follows :—

Grant, or Letters Patent, by Charles, King of France, under his Great Seal, and directed to the Treasurer of France, established at Ageri; Bearing, That it was humbly meant and shown his Majesty, by the Merchants of Scotland trading to France, that the Receiver-General at Bourdeaux had for two or three years past compelled them, and intended as yet to compell them, to pay ten souls for ilk Tun of Wine that they should load or take in at the Port and Harbour of Bourdeaux, for exportation to Scotland, over and above the twenty-one shillings four pennies which they had been in use to pay conform to the old composition agreed upon in the treaty made betwixt the said nations of France and Scotland; And seeing that this was contrary to the said old Treaty, and that his Majesty had no intention to alter or innovate anything therein contained: Therefore his Majesty, willing to relieve the said Scots Merchants of this burden and charge, and honestly to treat them as old Allies and Friends of his Crown, His Majesty expressly commanded his said Collector at Bourdeaux, to allow the said Scots Merchants who should load and take away wine from the said Port of Bourdeaux and to import into Scotland without fraud, and from that time forth his Majesty quitted and discharged the foresaid ten souls for the ton, and all other new taxation, except the twenty-one shillings four deniers which they had been in use to pay, and should not be bound to pay any other thing, or that they should be any ways troubled or molested thereanent. And it was his Majesty's will that every one should be compelled to desist in this case by all lawful means, notwithstanding of any opposition or appeal, for which it was his Majesty's will that the same should not be deferred notwithstanding of whatever ordinances, commandments, or defences in the contrar.

These Letters patent are granted by the King in his council, and bear date at Bourdeaux the 20th of April, 1565, and of the King's Reign, the 5th year.

N.B.—*The principal is in the French Language, and there is a literal Translation thereof in the old Scots Language.*

21. A Decree obtained before the Bailie of Dieppe, at the instance of Robert Aikman and Henry Tod against John Edgar, Factor for John Morison, dated 21 August 1566, with Discharge thereof, dated 28 September 1576.—Described in the Inventories of the Charters of the City of Edinburgh [*Vol. I.*, 409], as follows :—

Decreet obtained before the Bailie of the town of Diepe in France at the instance of Robert Aitkman and Henry Tod, Burgesses residing in the said Town, against John Edgar, merchant there, as factor for John Morison Merchant residing in Scotland, for the sum of nine score livers, to which the pursuers restricted their claim, being in part for their relief of certain sums, wherein the claimants with other co-obligants had become bound, and had been distressed on Morison's account.

The Decreet is dated the 21st of August, 1566. And on the back thereof there is a receipt by the claimants to the said John Morrison for one hundred and five livres, ten souls, and discharging his part of the obligation claimed on. This Discharge is dated the 28th of September 1576.

N.B.—The principal Decreet is in French, and written in a hand scarcely legible.

On the Back, is the following indorsation, "A Decret of John Morison's whereof the Town has satisfied."

22. Act of Privy Council anent Stamp Money, dated 18th December 1578.—Described in the Inventories of the Charters of the City of Edinburgh. *Vol. I.*, p. 219], as follows :—

Extract of an Act of the Privy Council, Bearing, that there was lately Proclamation made commanding all his Majesty's Lieges havers in their hands of Thirty, Twenty, and Ten Shilling pieces with the Testaine, to bring or send the same to the King's Master Coiner betwixt and a certain day at the prices following, viz., The thirty shilling piece for thirty two shilling six pennies, the twenty shilling piece for twenty one shilling eight pennies, and the ten shilling piece for ten shilling ten pennies, and the Testaine for six shilling eight pennies, to the end that such of the said money as was counterfeit and adulterate might be clipt down and delivered again to the owner, and that the true and lawful money might be marked with a crowned Thistle and also delivered back to the Owner to have course in payment at the fol-

lowing rates, viz., The thirty shilling for six and thirty shilling nine pennies, the twenty shilling piece for twenty four shilling six pennies, the ten shilling piece for twelve shilling three pennies, and the Testaine for seven shilling four pennies.

That albeit there had been a great many of the said pieces marked with the Crowned Thistle given out to have course and payment upon the above prices, yet several of his Majesty's subjects made some difficulty to receive the said pieces at the above prices express contrar to the tenor of the said proclamation, and in high contempt of his Majesty's authority and laws ; Therefore the Lords of Privy Council ordained Letters to be direct to officers at arms, Sheriffs in that part, charging them to pass to the Market Crosses of the head Burghs of the Kingdom and other places needful, and there by open proclamation in his Majesty's name and authority command and charge all his Majesty's subjects, that none of them take upon hand to refuse the foresaid pieces marked upon the prices above written respective in ready payment, under whatever colour or pretence, under the pain of death and confiscation of moveables.

This Extract Act is under the subscription of John Andrew Depute Clerk of the Privy Council, and bears date at the Castle of Stirling the 18th of December, 1578.

23. Receipt by the King's Comptroller to the Magistrates of Edinburgh for themselves and the Magistrates of Perth, Dundee, and Aberdeen for £1000 Scots in payment of the Candlemas terms tack duty of the Customs, dated 30th March 1583.—Described in the Inventories of the Charters of the City of Edinburgh [*Vol. I.*, p. 220], as follows :—

Receipt by John Fenton the King's Comptroller, to the Provost and Baillies of Edinburgh for themselves and in name of the Provosts and Baillies Councils and Communities of the Burghs of Perth, Dundee, and Aberdeen, for the sum of one thousand pounds Scots, and that in compleat payment of the Candlemas term then last past of the yearly Duty owing by the said Burghs to his Majesty for the Tack set to them of his Majesty's Customs, conform to contract dated at Holyrood house the 14th of March then instant. The discharge being dated the 30th March, 1583.

24. Equies fitted in Exchequer by the Magistrates of Edinburgh, on behalf of the Burghs, tacksmen of the Customs of Scotland, for the seven years from 1582 to 1589, as under :—

(1.) From 1582 to 1583.—Described in the Inventories of the Charters of the City of Edinburgh [*Vol. I.*, p. 442,] as follows :—

The Royal Burghs having got a tack from the King of all the Customs of Scotland, for payment yearly of Four Thousand Pounds Scots and Thirty Tuns Bourdeaux Wine, The Magistrates of Edinburgh in name of all the Royal Burghs fitted Equies in Exchequer for the said Money Tack Duty, the first whereof is from the first of October 1582 to the first of October 1583, and the said sum bears to be paid in to John Fentoune the King's Comptroller for the time.

(2.) From 1584 to 1585.—Described in Inventories of City Charters as follows :—

The next Equie fitted is for the years 1584 and 1585, extending to Eight Thousand pounds Scots, which bears to be paid in to James Campbell of Ardkinlays Knight sometime the Kings Comptroller, the said John Fentoune being present and acknowledging the payment.

(3.) For 1586, with Discharge endorsed thereon dated 7th August 1587.

(4.) For 1587.—Described in Inventories of City Charters as follows :—

The next Equie fitted is for the year 1586, extending to four Thousand Pounds Scots, which bears to be paid into Andrew Wood of Largo, the King's Comptroller, he being present and acknowledging the payment.

And upon the back of the aforesaid three fitted Equies there is an Extract of a Discharge from the Lord Auditor's Books in Exchequer, by Jerom Bowie semblar to the King, acknowledging to have received from Robert Gourlay, Burgess and Customer of Edinburgh, by deliverance made by certain Merchants and others, Six Score Tuns Bourdeaux Wine, in name and behalf of the Commissioners of Burghs, Tacksmen of the Kings Customs, in compleat payment of Thirty Tuns Wine, contained in the Tack thereof for four Years, viz., From the 1st of October 1582 to the 1st of October 1586, which Discharge is dated and registered the 7th of August 1587.

And underneath the above discharge there is an Equie fitted of the said Customs of the Kingdom of Scotland, extending to four Thousand Pounds Scots, from the 1st of October 1586 to the 1st of October 1587, which sum is said to be paid in to the said Andrew Wood of Largo, the Kings Comptroller, the said John Fentoun being present and acknowledging the payment.

(5.) For 1588 and 1589, with Discharge subjoined thereto, dated 26th November 1590.—Described in Inventories of City Charters as follows :—

ITEM, Two other Equies fitted in Exchequer, at Four Thousand Pounds Scots each, for the years 1588 and 1589, the said Sums being paid in to David Seaton of Parbroath the King's Comptroller the said John Fentoune being present and acknowledging the payment, who, by the Discharge after mentioned, appears to have been the Comptroller's Clerk.

And subjoined to which Equies there is the Extract of a Discharge from the Lord Auditor's Books in Exchequer, by the said Jerom Bowie, semblar to the King, acknowledging to have received from the Provost and Baillies of Edinburgh, Perth and Dundee, ninety Tuns of Bourdeaux Wine for themselves, and in name and behalf of the remanent Burghs of the Kingdom, Tacksmen of the King's Customs, in compleat payment of Thirty Tuns of Wine, contained in the Tack thereof for three years, viz., from the 1st of October 1586, to the 1st of October 1589.

This Discharge bears date the 26th and registrate as above the 27th of November, 1590, and the same with the former Discharge are under the Subscription of Alexander Hay of Easter Kennet, Lord Register.

25. Act of Privy Council, dated 20th March 1594, approving of the conduct of James Colvil of Easter Wemyss, who had been sent over to France, and had got renewed all former treaties in respect to trade with that country in favours of the Merchants in Scotland.—Described in the Inventories of the Charters of the City of Edinburgh [*Vol. I.*, p. 423,] as follows :—

Extract of an Act of Privy Council, Bearing, That in presence of the King's Majesty and their Lordships James Colvil of Easter Wemyss compeared and reported his negotiations and proceedings with his Highness the King of France, according to the commission and instructions given to him thereanent

whereupon his Majesty, with advice of the said Lords, found and declared that the said James Colvil in his said proceedings, and specially in returning of Letters Patent subscribed by the King of France under his great Seal —[whereby he] ratified, approved, corroborated and confirmed, all and whatever antient Liberties, Immunities and Privileges granted by his Royal Predecessors Kings and Princes of France to and in favours of his Majesty's subjects, and in special in favours of the Merchant state of the Kingdom,— had thereby faithfully and diligently used and execute the said Commission in all points according to the instructions given to him thereanent, deserving thereby his Majesty's consideration and the good will of the said Merchant Estate, and discharged him of the said Commission and of his duty on that behalf, and ordained an Act to be made thereupon *ad futuram rei memoriam*.

This Act is under the subscription of John Andrew Depute Clerk of the Privy Council, and bears date the 20th of March, 1594.

